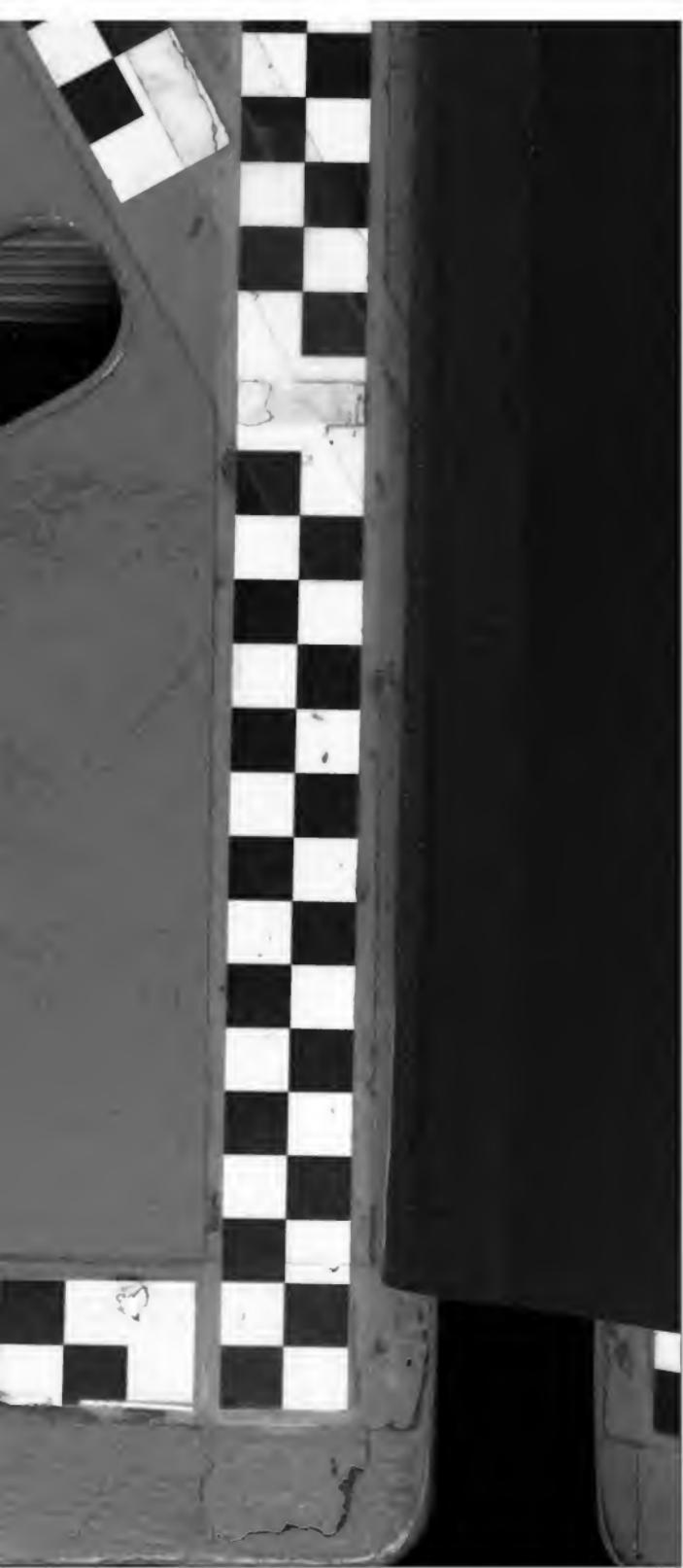


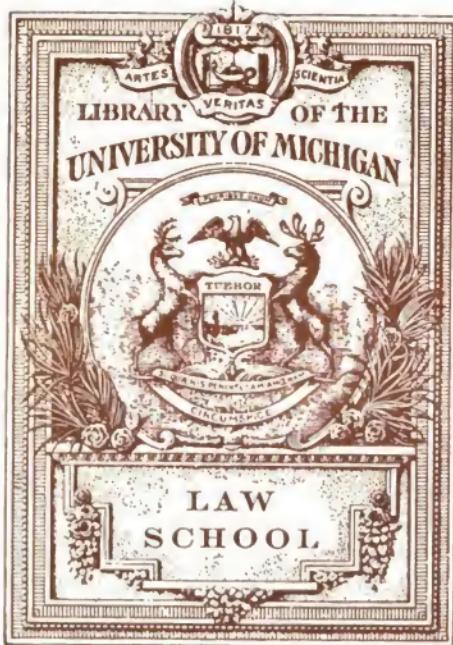
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At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven, in said State, on the first Wednesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six :—

[ENGROSSED BILL, NO. 58.]

INCORPORATING THE WOLCOTTVILLE BANK.

Resolved by this Assembly :— SEC. 1. That a bank be established in the village of Wolcottville, in the county of Litchfield, state of Connecticut, by the name of “The Wolcottville Bank,” and the stockholders thereof, their successors and assigns, shall be and remain a body politic and corporate by said name, and by that name shall be capable in law to purchase and hold all kinds of property, real and personal, and the same at pleasure to sell and convey, to sue and to be sued in all courts, to have and use a common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure; to make and carry into effect all such by-laws and regulations as may be deemed expedient for the proper man-

agement of the affairs of the corporation, not repugnant to this charter, the laws of this state, or of the United States; and generally, to do and cause to be done and executed all such acts and things as to them may seem necessary and proper, within the limitations aforesaid.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said bank shall consist of not less than one hundred thousand dollars, and may be increased whenever the stockholders, at a meeting specially warned for that purpose, shall so direct, to any greater sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which shares shall be transferable, according to such rules as the directors of said bank may establish. At the time of subscribing for the stock of said bank there shall be paid in legal tender notes of the United States, or in such current bank notes as shall be of par value in the state of Connecticut, ten dollars on each share of the stock of said bank; and twenty dollars on each share of the stock of said bank sixty days thereafter; and a like sum of twenty dollars on each of said shares at the expiration of sixty days thereafter; and the residue at such time or times, and in such installments as the board of directors shall order, until the whole shall be paid in; and said corporation shall have the privilege of commencing business when fifty thousand dollars of the capital stock so subscribed shall be paid in, and not previously. And the notes and other obligations of individuals shall not be received in payment of any sum which may be due for subscription to the said capital stock.

SEC. 3. The subscriptions towards constituting the capital stock of said bank shall be opened in the said village of Wolcottville, on the second Tuesday of August, A. D. 1866, under the superintendence of three commissioners, or a majority of them, viz.: John M. Wadhams of Goshen, Henry Gay of Winsted, and George M. Woodruff of Litchfield, all in Litchfield county, or at such other time or times as said commissioners may deem necessary and proper, and of which they shall give at least fifteen days' notice in two newspapers published in the county of Litchfield, or in such other manner as they

shall deem proper. And said commissioners shall have power to adjourn from time to time, as may seem expedient. If the subscriptions to the capital stock of said bank shall exceed one thousand shares, the commissioners shall reduce the number thereof to said number of shares, for which it shall be their duty to make all necessary inquiries, and to apportion such shares in such manner and to such persons as to them may appear proper, having regard to the interest of the bank and the accommodation of the public. In case of failure to pay the first installment, the subscription shall be void; and in case of failure to pay the second installment, the first shall be forfeited to the bank; and in case of failure to pay any subsequent installment, the party so failing shall lose the benefit of any dividend which may be made during the time said payment shall be delayed; and such dividends shall be forfeited to the bank. Said commissioners, after they shall have apportioned the capital stock of said bank, shall immediately call the first meeting of the stockholders, by such notice of the time and place of such meeting as they shall deem proper, for the purpose of choosing directors of the bank, who, when chosen, shall continue in office until the first annual meeting of the stockholders.

SEC. 4. For the well ordering of the affairs of said bank, there shall be seven directors, all of whom shall be residents of this state, and five of them residents of the town of Torrington, who shall be elected annually by the stockholders in general meeting. And none but stockholders, owning at least ten shares of the capital stock of said bank, shall be eligible as directors. At the first meeting after each election the directors shall choose one of their number for president; and whenever the place of president or director shall become vacant, by resignation or otherwise, the same may be supplied by the board of directors for the remainder of the year. All elections for president or directors shall be by ballot.

SEC. 5. A general meeting of the stockholders may be called whenever the board of directors shall judge proper; and ten days' notice, previous to any general meeting, whether stated or special, shall be given in such a manner as the direct-

ors shall order. All stockholders shall be entitled to vote in a general meeting by proxy or in person, and each share shall be entitled to one vote; but no share or shares in said bank shall give to any stockholder a right to vote on the same, unless the same shall have stood in his or her name on the books of said corporation at least sixty days before the time of voting, after the first election.

SEC. 6. No less than three directors shall constitute a board for the transaction of business pertaining to the bank, of whom the president shall always be one, except in the case of necessary absence, when the directors present shall choose one of their number as president for the occasion. No director shall be entitled to any emolument for attending to the duties of his office, excepting the president, who shall receive such compensation as the board of directors shall judge reasonable and proper.

SEC. 7. A cashier and such other officers and agents as may be necessary for performing the business of the corporation, shall be appointed, and their compensation shall be determined by the board of directors, who may also determine the nature and amount of the securities to be given by any of them for the faithful performance of their duties.

SEC. 8. The board of directors shall have the disposal and management of the moneys, credits, and property of the bank, with the power to regulate the concerns thereof in all cases not herein otherwise provided; but the corporation shall not trade in anything except promissory notes, bills of exchange, bonds of this state, bonds, notes, and certificates of indebtedness of the United States, gold and silver bullion, or the sale of goods pledged for money lent and not redeemed in due time, or in houses or lands taken for security of debts previously contracted; nor shall the corporation take more than the legal rate of interest for or upon its loans; and dividends of such parts of the profits as the directors may judge proper may be made semi-annually.

SEC. 9. The bills and notes of the corporation, signed by the president and countersigned by the cashier or treasurer thereof, promising the payment of money to any person, or order, or to

bearer, shall be obligatory on the corporation, according to the tenor thereof, and shall be assignable according to the custom of merchants and the laws relating to inland bills of exchange; and all negotiable notes, duly executed, may be endorsed to the bank in the same manner and on the same principles as to individuals, and the bank may sue thereon for the recovery of the money.

SEC. 10. In case of the failure of said bank, the holders of the bills or notes of said bank or corporation shall have a lien on all the estate of said bank or corporation, both real and personal, in possession, remainder, or reversion, and all the debts due to said bank, and the securities for the same, and all claims in favor of said bank, of every nature whatsoever, and all moneys and property of every description in the custody and possession of said bank and belonging thereto at the failure thereof; and every conveyance, assignment, or transfer of any of the property and estate hereinbefore specified, made in expectation of the insolvency of said bank or corporation, or with a view to the same, shall be void.

SEC. 11. No part of the capital stock of said bank, paid in, shall at any time be withdrawn, without the consent of the general assembly.

SEC. 12. This act may at any time be altered, amended, or repealed by the general assembly.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[25.]

INCORPORATING THE EZRA CHAPPELL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Adelaide R. Lockwood, Hannah S. Chappell, Charlotte Field, and Anne Hallam, of the town and county of New London, and such others as they may associate with them, be, and they hereby are, with

their successors, constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Ezra Chappell Benevolent Society."

SEC. 2. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in said corporation, by the death or resignation of any member, the remaining members are hereby authorized and empowered to fill such vacancy at a meeting called for that purpose by the secretary; or if there be no secretary, by any other officer of the corporation.

SEC. 3. Said corporation may, by their corporate name, sue and be sued, may adopt a constitution and by-laws for the regulation of said corporation, and the management and disposition of its property; and may receive, hold, possess, and manage any estate, both real and personal, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. *Whereas*, the late Ezra Chappell of New London made the following provision in his will, viz: "I order that ten thousand dollars be put into the savings bank of New London, the interest of which I order given to the poor of our town, (not town poor,) and not regard to color, black or white. And I request that Miss Adelaide Lockwood, or either of her sisters, and Mrs. Hannah S. Chappell, Mr. Robert Coit's daughter, and the wife of Rev. Doctor Hallam, attend to and manage said gift of ten thousand dollars."

Now, therefore, the savings bank of New London is hereby authorized to receive the amount of said legacy. And the executor of the will of said Ezra Chappell is authorized to pay to said savings bank said sum; and the corporation herein created is hereby authorized to receive, and the savings bank to pay over to it, the interest and revenue derived from said legacy.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall distribute and disburse the income arising from said fund according to the provisions of the will cited in the foregoing section.

SEC. 6. The first meeting of said corporation shall be held at the town of New London, at such time and place as shall be designated in a written notice thereof, to be signed by any two of the above named corporators, to be given to each of the per-

sons herein named as corporators, or left at their usual places of abode, at least five days before such meeting.

SEC. 7. This resolution may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

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INCORPORATING THE ST. PATRICK'S TEMPERANCE AND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That James Kinsella, Hugh J. Reynolds, James Sisk, Patrick B. O'Brien, Nicholas Brown, Thomas J. Kennedy, Bernard Sheehan, Andrew Bohan, Patrick Dempsey, James McCollough, Michael Smith, James Gorman, members of the voluntary association known as the St. Patrick's Temperance and Benevolent Society of New Haven, Connecticut, and such other persons as now are or shall hereafter become members of said association, together with their successors, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the present constitution of said association, by the name of the St. Patrick's Temperance and Benevolent Society of New Haven, Connecticut, for the purpose of promoting the cause of temperance, and of rendering, under certain conditions, assistance to sick members of said corporation and their families, and aid in the payment of the funeral expenses of the members of said corporation; and by that name said corporation shall have perpetual succession, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended, in all courts of law and equity, or elsewhere; may have and use a common seal, and may alter the same at pleasure; may take a lease or leases of, purchase, take, hold, occupy, possess, enjoy, sell, lease, and otherwise dispose of at pleasure, any estate, real, personal, or

mixed, as shall be necessary or proper for the views and purposes of said corporation, (the amount of real estate not to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars,) shall have power to adopt by-laws in the manner in said constitution prescribed; *provided*, that amendments to or alterations of said constitution, or such by-laws as said corporation shall adopt, shall not be repugnant to the laws of this state or of the United States.

SEC. 2. This resolution may be altered or amended at the pleasure of the general assembly.

SEC. 3. This resolution shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[58.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE BOROUGH OF WINSTED.

Resolved by this Assembly, That section eighth of the charter of the borough of Winsted is hereby amended by adding after the word "state," in the seventh line of said section, as follows, to wit: "and shall have the care and custody of the seal of said borough, and the same shall legitimately use, when directed by the warden and burgesses, who may direct and authorize any other person to use the same temporarily, in case the clerk, from any cause, shall be unable, or it shall be inconvenient for him, to do so."

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[59.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE BOROUGH OF WINSTED.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the resolution passed by the general assembly at its May session in 1861, approved June nineteenth, 1861, authorizing the warden and burgesses of the borough of Winsted to elect a street commissioner for said borough, be, and the same is hereby altered and amended by erasing the words "the first Monday in May last," after the word "from," in the fourth line of said resolution, and by inserting in lieu thereof the words, "and after his election."

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[60.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE BOROUGH OF WINSTED.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the fourteenth section of the charter of the borough of Winsted be so altered and amended as to read as follows, to wit:

"SEC. 14. The warden and burgesses shall have power within said borough to lay out, establish, build and construct in such manner, and of such materials, as they may deem proper, sidewalks and cross-walks upon any highway, turnpike or public street, as they shall deem the public convenience to require; and to repair, alter and discontinue any sidewalk or cross-walk, or any part or portion of any sidewalk or cross-walk, so laid out and established by them; and the expense of building, constructing, altering and repairing the same, shall be paid by the borough, or by the assessment of benefits on those persons especially benefited thereby, which benefits shall be assessed, collected and paid in the manner contemplated in section thirteenth of said charter, as the warden and burgesses may deem just and reasonable, which assessments the persons

so assessed shall be bound to pay; but any person aggrieved by any assessment, made as aforesaid, shall, nevertheless, have the right of appeal, and to apply to a judge of the superior court, for a re-assessment, as is provided in the sixteenth section of said charter, and proceed in the same manner; and the judge to whom the application shall be made, shall have the same powers as are specified in said sixteenth section; notice to be given [to] non-residents of said borough in the manner provided in said fifteenth section. *Provided however*, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent any adjoining proprietor at whose expense any sidewalk so laid out and established, as aforesaid, is to be built and constructed, from building and constructing the same himself, under the direction of the warden and burgesses, and to their acceptance."

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[63.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE BOROUGH OF GREENWICH.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the amended charter of the borough of Greenwich be further amended, by adding at the end of the third section thereof the words following, to wit: " *Provided*, that whenever the warden and burgesses shall require the owners or occupants of lands as aforesaid to raise, pave, plank, flag, or construct the sidewalks or gutters adjoining their respective premises, said warden and burgesses shall have power to assign such proportion of the expense of the same to said owners or occupants of lands, as in their judgment may be equitable and right, and pay the balance of said expense from the treasury of the borough." And by adding to section four thereof, the words following, to wit: " *Provided*, that the warden and burgesses shall have the same power of apportioning the expense of raising, leveling, planking, paving, flagging, or constructing said sidewalks or gutters,

as is given to them by section third." And by adding to section sixth thereof, the words following, to wit: "And so far as the public convenience may require, they may cause any sidewalks or gutters to be altered, improved, and kept in ordinary repair, defraying the expenses thereof in the same manner as is provided in section three and four of this act."

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[124.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE BOROUGH OF WILLIMANTIC.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the warden and burgesses of the borough of Willimantic, or a majority of them, shall have power, from time to time, as public convenience may require, to designate and fix the course, width, height and level of all sidewalks and gutters in said borough, and upon the streets and highways of said borough, and may, from time to time, order the proprietor or proprietors of the land and buildings fronting such sidewalks and gutters, at their own expense, to level, raise, flag, pave, plank or construct the same in such manner as said warden and burgesses shall direct. And said warden and burgesses may limit such time as they shall deem reasonable for leveling, raising, flagging, paving, planking, or constructing such sidewalks or gutters. And in case when the land or buildings fronting such sidewalks or gutters is held for a term of years, or any other estate less than in fee simple, said warden and burgesses may by their order apportion in such manner as they shall judge right, the expense of raising, leveling, flagging, paving, planking, or constructing such sidewalks or gutters among the different persons having an interest in the lands or buildings holden as aforesaid. And whenever the proprietor or proprietors of any such land or buildings shall not reside within the limits of the borough, notice in writing of any such order, to the occupant or occupants

of such land or buildings, or to the person or persons having the care or the possession of the same, shall be sufficient notice thereof to all persons interested therein.

SEC. 2. If the proprietor or proprietors of any such land or buildings shall neglect to level, raise, flag, pave, plank or construct such sidewalks or gutters, in such manner and within such time as said warden and burgesses may appoint, said warden and burgessess may employ some proper person or persons to raise, level, flag, pave, plank, or construct such sidewalks and gutters, and may adjust and liquidate the expenses thereof, and order the same to be paid by such proprietor or proprietors neglecting as aforesaid. And said warden and burgesses, or a majority of them, may issue a warrant of distress to the collector of taxes of said borough, or to some indifferent person, authorizing him to collect of such proprietor or proprietors respectively the sums so ordered by them to be paid; and all such expenses and the interest thereon shall be a lien and encumbrance upon such land and buildings. And said collector or said indifferent person shall have the same power as collectors of town taxes by law have, to levy and collect the expenses aforesaid.

SEC. 3. This resolution shall take effect from the acceptance thereof by a majority of the legal voters of said borough present at a meeting thereof legally warned for that purpose.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[150.]

AUTHORIZING THE WARDEN AND BURGESSSES OF THE BOROUGH OF
NEW BRITAIN TO DESIGNATE BUILDING LINES.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the warden and burgesses of the borough of New Britain, in legal meeting assembled, shall have power to designate and fix building lines on lands adjacent to the streets of said borough, or any of them; and to

pass by-laws to secure the observance of said building lines in the same manner, to be enforced in the same way, and by the same penalties, and subject to the same right and method of obtaining a repeal of the same, as is provided in the charter of said borough in case of by-laws therein authorized.

SEC. 2. This act shall not be held to authorize the said warden and burgesses to remove or alter, or require to be removed or altered, any building erected before the building line affecting the same shall have been fixed and designated.

SEC. 3. This resolution shall take effect from the acceptance thereof by a majority of the legal voters of said borough, present at a meeting thereof legally warned for that purpose.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[9.]

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMON COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WATERBURY TO CONTRACT WITH THE NAUGA-
TUCK RAILROAD COMPANY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.**

Upon the petition of the mayor, aldermen and common council of the city of Waterbury, showing to this assembly that the business interests of said city require better and more commodious depot buildings and accommodations than are now afforded by the Naugatuck Railroad Company in said city; that said railroad company are ready and willing to erect such new depot buildings as will fully meet the requirements of said city and the wants of the public, but cannot use the same if erected at or near their present depot, in the event of any new street being opened across their present depot grounds; that any material change in the location of said depot buildings would be greatly to the detriment of the property of the inhabitants of said city, and to the business interests thereof; and that said city is desirous of being clothed with full power to make a contract with said rail-

road company, forever guaranteeing them against any new street being laid out or opened across said depot grounds, upon the condition that said railroad company will erect suitable and proper depot buildings at or near the locality of their present passenger depot in said city :

Resolved by this Assembly :— SEC. 1. That said mayor, aldermen and common council of the city of Waterbury, be, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, in the name and on the behalf of said city, to enter into a contract with the Naugatuck Railroad Company, forever guaranteeing said company against the laying out, opening or using of any public street or highway, over, across or through the present depot grounds of said company in said Waterbury, northerly of Bank street, upon the condition that the said company shall erect such suitable and proper depot buildings at or near the present passenger depot in said city, as may be in said contract provided.

SEC. 2. That from and after the execution and confirmation of said contract as herein provided, no public street, road or highway shall be laid out, opened or used across, over or through said depot grounds, northerly of Bank street, without the consent of said railroad company, anything in the charters of said city and said railroad company, or in the statute laws of this state, to the contrary notwithstanding. *Provided however,* that said contract shall not be binding upon said city until the same has been confirmed by a vote of the freemen of said city, at a special meeting legally warned and held for that purpose. *And provided further,* that said contract shall be binding upon said city only so long as said depot grounds are used and occupied by said railroad company for depot purposes.

Approved, May 24th, 1866.

[50.]

RELATING TO THE NEW HAVEN CITY BURIAL GROUND.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the law passed May session, 1865, prohibiting any "person or persons from using or driving any hearse within the limits of the 'New Haven City Burial Ground,' except the sexton or hearse driver appointed by the standing committee having charge of said ground, without a written permission signed by at least two members of said committee," be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[66.]

CONSTRUING THE AUTHORITY CONFERRED UPON THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERBURY, TO CONTRACT WITH THE NAUGATUCK RAILROAD COMPANY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the resolution passed at the present session of the general assembly, authorizing the mayor, aldermen, and common council of the city of Waterbury to contract with the Naugatuck Railroad Company for certain purposes, shall not be construed to authorize, and shall not authorize in any manner, any contract by the mayor, aldermen, and common council of said city, with said Naugatuck Railroad Company to prevent the laying out, opening and using a public street or highway, in extension of Field street, so called, across the track of the Naugatuck railroad toward the Naugatuck river and the Riverside cemetery, so called. *Provided*, that if said railroad company shall construct and maintain a bridge for such extension of Field street over their tracks and premises in accordance with their charter, the said street when ex-

tended shall cross over said tracks and premises by such bridge, so as not to interfere with the use of their tracks by said company.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[98.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the common council of said city, be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to compensate the mayor of said city for his services, by a yearly salary not exceeding the sum of four hundred dollars.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[106.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SUPPLY OF PURE AND WHOLESOME WATER IN THE CITY OF NORWICH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened :

SEC. 1. That the mayor, aldermen, common council and freemen of the city of Norwich, be, and are hereby authorized and empowered, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, to take and convey from the Yantic river, or any other river, stream, pond or lake, such supply of water as the necessities or convenience of the inhabitants may require; *provided*, that the water aforesaid be taken with the assent previously obtained of those who have right thereto; and are also hereby authorized and empowered to issue notes, scrip or certificates of debt, under the corporate name and seal of the city, bearing interest

at no greater rate than six per cent. per annum, to any amount not exceeding in the whole the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; the principal of which notes, scrip or certificates of debt shall be payable at some certain time or times within thirty years from the issuing of the same; and said notes, scrip or certificates shall be denominated the "Water Fund of the City of Norwich," and the avails thereof shall be applied and expended to and for the purpose of supplying said city with pure and wholesome water, according to the mode or plan adopted in pursuance of the provisions of this act, and for no other purpose whatsoever; and said notes, scrip or certificates, when issued and delivered by said city or by its agents thereunto duly authorized, shall be obligatory upon said city and the inhabitants thereof, according to the purport and tenor of the same, in the same manner and to the same extent as debts lawfully contracted by towns in this state. And said city, in a meeting legally warned and held for that purpose, may prescribe the amount for which said notes, scrip or certificates shall be issued, and decide concerning the form thereof, and direct the times and places at which the same, with the interest accruing thereon, shall be payable.

SEC. 2. Whenever said city shall have voted to accept this act as a part of its charter in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and also shall have voted to issue notes, scrip or certificates of debt in the manner aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the court of common council of said city, within fifteen days thereafter, to designate and appoint, at a meeting specially called and holden for that purpose, five persons, who shall act as a Board of Water Commissioners, with the powers conferred by this act, until others shall be chosen and sworn in their stead. And at the annual city meeting of said city, which shall be holden in the month of June, A. D. 1867, for the choice of city officers, provided this act shall then have been accepted, there shall be chosen four water commissioners, who shall be voted for on the same piece of paper with such other officers as are now by law to be chosen thereat, and shall be elected by a plurality vote. Said commissioners shall hold their offices for two years;

provided, however, that the first two in the order of their election, who shall be elected at the aforesaid annual meeting of said city, shall hold their offices for only one year, and at all subsequent annual meetings of said city, held for the choice of city officers, there shall be chosen two water commissioners. And four commissioners, who shall be elected in city meeting, shall, with an additional commissioner, who shall be annually chosen by the court of common council, out of their own body, at any meeting holden during or after the month of June, A. D. 1867, for the choice of recorder, constitute the board of water commissioners for the then ensuing year, and until their successors are sworn, and the official term of said board shall date from the first Monday of June in each year. And the persons chosen or appointed as water commissioners, in either of the modes aforesaid, shall be known as, and called, "The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Norwich," and have all the powers herein conferred on said board; *provided*, that at the first election, held as aforesaid, no person shall vote for more than two of said commissioners, and at such subsequent election, held as aforesaid, no person shall vote for more than one of said commissioners.

SEC. 3. All vacancies which shall occur in said board by death, resignation, or by reason of a tie vote at any city election, or in any other manner, shall be filled by the court of common council at a meeting specially warned and holden for that purpose, within two weeks after said vacancy shall occur; and said court of common council shall have power, by a two-thirds vote of the whole number of said court of common council, to remove any commissioner for official misconduct.

SEC. 4. The board of water commissioners are empowered, and it shall be their duty, to ascertain a feasible plan for the introduction and proper distribution of water into and through said city of Norwich; to employ engineers and surveyors with reference thereto, and to estimate the probable cost of carrying such plan into execution; to make conditional contracts with the proprietors of any estate, real, personal or mixed, or of any franchise, right or privilege, which shall be required for

the aforesaid purpose; to report their plan, estimates of expense, and resources and conditional contracts, with appropriate reasons and calculations to the court of common council, who may approve or reject the same; and whenever any contract provisionally entered into by said board shall be ratified by the court of common council, the same shall be obligatory on said city.

SEC. 5. Whenever any plan of said board shall have been approved by said court of common council, said board shall be immediately thereupon empowered to take and hold, for [and] in behalf of said city, any lands or other estate necessary for the construction of any canals, aqueducts, reservoirs, or other works for conveying or containing water, or for the erection and construction of any buildings, machinery, or for laying any pipes or conductors for conveying water into or through said city, or to secure and maintain any portion of the water works; and in general to do any other act necessary or convenient for accomplishing the purposes contemplated by this act, and to distribute said water through said city in pursuance of the subsequent provisions of this act; to establish public hydrants, under the direction of the court of common council; to prosecute or defend any action or process at law or in equity, by the name of the "Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Norwich," against any person or persons or corporation, for the breach of any contract, expressed or implied, relating to the performance of any work or labor upon said water-works, or the management of the same, or the distribution of the water, or for money due for the use of the water, or for any injury, or trespass, or nuisance affecting the water, machinery, pipes, buildings, apparatus, or other things under their superintendence, or for any improper use of the water, or any wasting thereof, or upon any contract or promise made with and to them as water commissioners, or with their predecessors or successors in office; and said board shall be regarded as a corporation for the purpose of sueing and being sued.

SEC. 6. Said board are hereby authorized to enter in and upon any land or water, for the purpose of making surveys,

and to agree with the owner or owners of any property or franchise, which may be required for the purposes of this act, as to the amount of compensation to be paid to such owner or owners for the same. And in case of disagreement between said board and any owner or owners as to such compensation, or as to the amount of damages which ought to be awarded to any person, claiming to be injured in his estate, by the doings of said commissioners, or in case any such owner shall be an infant, or married woman, or insane, or absent from the state, or unknown, or the owner of an uncertain or contingent interest, either judge of the supreme court of errors may, on the application of either party, cause such notice to be given of said application as said judge shall see fit to prescribe, and after proof thereof may nominate and appoint three disinterested persons, not residents of the town or city of Norwich, to examine such property as is to be taken for or damaged by the doings of said commissioners, and they being duly sworn to a faithful and impartial discharge of their duty, shall estimate the amount of compensation which said owners shall receive, and shall report the same in writing to the clerk of the superior court for New London county, to be by him recorded. Said judge of the supreme court of errors may thereupon confirm the doings of said appraisers, and direct whether said commissioners shall pay the same to said owners, or shall invest or deposit the same in such manner as said judge may prescribe, in full compensation for the property acquired, or the injury done by said commissioners, and on compliance with the order of said judge, said commissioners may proceed with the construction of their works, without any liability to any further claim for compensation or damages.

SEC. 7. Said commissioners shall also be empowered, after the approval of their plans, as aforesaid, by the court of common council, to make use of the ground or soil under any road, railroad, highway, street, private way, lane or alley within this state, for the purpose of constructing the works contemplated by this act; but shall in all such cases cause the surface of such road, railroad, highway, street, private way, lane or alley, to

be restored to its usual condition, and all damages done thereto to be repaired, and all damages sustained by any person or corporation in consequence of the interruption of travel, to be paid to such person or corporation.

SEC. 8. Said commissioners may make contracts for labor and materials for the general purposes contemplated by this act, (to be binding on said city, when ratified by the court of common council,) and all contracts for materials to be furnished, or services to be rendered, shall be in writing, and three originals shall be made of each such contract, which shall be numbered with the same number, and endorsed with a summary of the work to be done, or materials to be furnished and the date of the contract, one of which originals shall be held by said commissioners, one by the contractor, and one by such city officer as shall be designated by the court of common council ; and no such commissioner shall have any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any such contract, and no such contract shall be made unless good and satisfactory security for the faithful performance of the same be given by the contractor at the time of making the same.

SEC. 9. Said commissioners shall advertise, in one or more newspapers, for sealed proposals for such contracts, and specify times and places [when and] where the same are to be received ; such proposals shall, in order to be received and acted upon, set forth a specified sum or price to be paid for materials and services, or for either, without condition, limitation or alteration, and shall be accompanied with a bond satisfactory to the said commissioners, conditional upon the faithful execution of the proposition in the event of the acceptance of the same ; and said commissioners shall receive no more than one proposition from the same person or persons for the same contract, but shall reject all which are offered by such person or persons as offer more than one ; and no contract shall be assigned without the consent of the said board, and of the court of common council.

SEC. 10. Said commissioners or board shall be the trustees of the notes, scrip, or certificates of debt issued by said city of

Norwich, and may be authorized by said city to superintend the issuing of the same, and regulate the particular form thereof, and after the same or any part of them shall be issued, said commissioners may sell such notes or certificates at public or private sale for their par value, or at such higher rates as said scrip shall command, or may pledge the same for loans not usurious under the direction of the court of common council, and at such times as the proceeds or avails of the same shall be required to meet the appropriations made or allowed for the surveying, preparing, constructing and maintaining of water works by the court of common council; and the court of common council shall direct what sum of money shall be raised from and upon said scrip, before they shall permit the construction of water works to be commenced and prosecuted; and a duplicate record shall be kept by said commissioners of all notes or certificates issued, disposed of or pledged in pursuance of the provisions of this act, one copy thereof to be by them delivered to the city treasurer, and all moneys received by said commissioners shall be deposited in one or more of the banks of the city of Norwich, and shall be drawn out only on the order of the city treasurer.

SEC. 11. Said board shall elect a president, to be approved by the court of common council, who shall devote his whole time and attention to the construction, supervision, care and management of the water-works, under the general advice and direction of the commissioners, and to such other duties connected with said water-works or with other business of the city as shall be assigned to him by the court of common council, who shall fix his compensation, but shall allow no salary or fee to any other member of the board, except as a remuneration for actual expenditures.

SEC. 12. All claims against said commissioners or said city, on account of said water-works, may be presented to said commissioners, and when approved by them shall be laid before the court of common council, who may allow the same, and direct the auditor of city accounts to draw his order on the city treasurer for the amount of any such claim.

SEC. 13. Said commissioners shall superintend the construction of the work, and keep a record of their official proceedings in that behalf, and report to the court of common council a general exhibit of the state of the works, including a detailed account of sums required to be expended therefor, and such other matters of information as may be called for by said court of common council, which said report shall be made semi-annually, and at such other intermediate times as said court of common council may designate ; and said commissioners shall keep regular books of account, which shall be always open to the inspection of the court of common council.

SEC. 14. After the completion of said work, according to the plan or plans approved by the court of common council, the said board shall regulate the distribution and use of the water in all places, and prescribe the purposes to which the same shall be applied ; *provided*, that whenever said water is to be distributed or conducted through and into public hydrants or sewers, or applied to any public use, such as the extinguishment of fires or watering streets, or other like purposes, said commissioners shall act under the direction of the court of common council in relation thereto. Said commissioners shall, with the assent of said court, establish scales of prices or terms upon which water shall be furnished, and regulate the time or times of payment, and collect all water rents, and shall faithfully account for the same, which prices or rents when so established shall not be reduced below a fair and reasonable compensation for the use of said water, so long as the aggregate of said water rents shall be, or by such reduction shall become insufficient to pay the annual expenses of said water-works and the interest upon the debt of the city, incurred in building the same, except by a vote of two-thirds of the legal voters of the city, at a city meeting specially called for that purpose. And said commissioners shall make such by-laws or regulations for the preservation, protection, and management of the said water-works as may be deemed advisable, and enforce the same by suitable penalties ; and when said by-laws or regulations have been approved by the court of common council, they shall be

of binding validity; and said commissioners may bring in their own name, actions of debt on such by-laws, to recover any penalty for the breach of the same.

SEC. 15. Said commissioners shall keep a register of all persons who use the water, and of the prices by them payable therefor, and shall apply the avails of water rents to the payment of the ordinary and current expenses of said water works, such as repairs, the hire of clerks and agents, and of extending pipes into new localities, (under the direction of the court of common council,) and shall pay any excess of such avails over the sum requisite for the last mentioned purpose to the city treasurer on the first Monday of each and every month, on account of water rents received and expended during the preceding month, having been first audited by the auditor of city accounts, on the same day, and by him approved. The account so presented shall be attested by the oath or affirmation of at least one member of the board.

SEC. 16. It shall be the duty of the city treasurer to apply any avails of water rents by him received to the payment of interest on the aforesaid scrip or certificates of debt; and if there still be an excess, to report the fact to the court of common council, who may direct whether the same shall be applied to the extinguishment of the principal debt incurred by the issuing of said scrip or to the enlargement of the water-works.

SEC. 17. In case the avails of water rents in any year shall be inadequate to meet the current expenses of said water-works and the interest on said scrip, the deficiency shall be supplied by the laying of a tax on the grand list of all persons liable to city taxation. Which said tax shall be estimated by the court of common council, and recommended to a city meeting, specially called for the purpose of laying the same; and said meeting may then lay such tax as shall be necessary to meet the aforesaid deficiency; and said city, at any city meeting specially called and holden for that purpose, may lay taxes for the purpose of paying the principal debt aforesaid, or any part thereof, by the establishment of a sinking fund, or in any other proper

manner; *provided*, that no tax greater than one mill on a dollar shall be laid at any one time for the purpose of paying said debt or establishing said sinking fund. And all taxes laid for the purposes above mentioned may be collected in the same manner as other city taxes.

SEC. 18. All rents due for water under this act shall be and remain a lien upon the houses, tenement, or lot wherein, or in connection with which, said water shall have been used by the owner or occupier thereof, which said liens shall have priority over all subsequent incumbrances, and may be enforced and foreclosed by and in the name of said board before the city court of said city, in the same manner as liens of mechanics on lands and buildings are now foreclosed, according to the rules of equity; *provided always*, that said lien shall not be perfected unless said board shall, within sixty days after said water rent becomes due, lodge with the town clerk of the town wherein such tenement, lot or house is situate, a certificate in writing, sworn to by one of said board, of the amount due, as near as can [be] ascertained, and a general description of the premises holden; *provided further*, that the water shall not be introduced into any buildings or premises occupied by a tenant without the consent of the owner or owners thereof first had and obtained in writing.

SEC. 19. Said commissioners may require additional rents for the use of water, whenever extra quantities shall be used exceeding the quantity estimated for the same class of buildings, establishments or trades, in the scale of prices by them adopted. And said commissioners shall make no contract for the use of water for a longer term than three years.

SEC. 20. A majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business allowed or required by the powers or duties of said board. And no member of said commission shall be able to act as such until he has sworn to a faithful performance of his duty as such commissioner, and the president shall give a bond, with at least one sufficient surety, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned on such faithful performance.

SEC. 21. If any person shall willfully and maliciously divert or corrupt the water collected or conducted in any of the artificial works contemplated or authorized by this act, or shall willfully and maliciously divert or corrupt any of the sources of said waters with the intent to impair the usefulness of such sources for the purposes aforesaid, or shall willfully and maliciously destroy or injure any dam, pipe, aqueduct, conduit, canal, engine, cistern, hydrant, reservoir, machinery, building, or other property erected, constructed, used or designed to be used for the purpose of procuring or keeping a supply of water for said city, as herein authorized, whether within said city or elsewhere, every such person so offending, on conviction thereof before the superior court in the county where such offence shall have been committed, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and if either such offences shall have been committed within the limits of said city, the police court of said city shall have concurrent jurisdiction of such offence, with said superior court; and the city attorney of the said city may in such case prosecute the same. And any offender, in either of the cases provided for in this section, shall also be liable to pay treble damages in an action of trespass or action of trespass on the case brought by said board; and if either of the offences aforesaid shall be prosecuted by the city attorney aforesaid in said police court, as herein before provided, then in such case the fine may be payable to the treasurer of said city.

SEC. 22. This act shall be to all intents and purposes a public act, and may be altered, amended or repealed by the general assembly, and the same shall not go into effect until it has been accepted by said city as a part of its charter, at a city meeting warned and holden for that purpose. The mayor of said city shall notify and warn the legal voters thereof to meet at Treadway's Hall, or some other suitable place, within said city of Norwich, within six months from the rising of this assembly, for the purpose of voting upon the question whether they will or will not accept this act as an amendment to the city char-

ter; at which meeting the votes shall be taken by ballot, and the ballots having the word "Yes" upon the same shall be counted as in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the ballots with the word "No" thereon shall be counted as against the acceptance of the same. And if a majority of the votes so given in said city shall be in the affirmative, then this act shall be in full force and become a part of the charter of said city of Norwich; and unless a majority of the votes so given shall be in the affirmative, then this act shall be of none effect. And said court of common council shall determine on the day of voting as aforesaid, and the manner of counting said votes and of ascertaining and declaring the final result. The boxes to receive the ballots aforesaid shall be kept open on such day of voting from eight o'clock in the forenoon till five o'clock in the afternoon.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[126.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the court of common council of the city of Hartford, be, and hereby is, empowered to adopt such sanitary measures as, in the judgment of said council, may be necessary to protect the health of said city. And for that purpose to cause to be removed from the limits of said city, or from any part thereof, such animals, trades, business, and occupations as are, or may become, injurious to the health of the residents of said city. And to pass such ordinances as may be necessary or proper to carry out the provisions of this act. And all ordinances heretofore passed by said council, for protecting the health of said city, and all rules and regulations established by any sanitary board or committee, in pursuance of such ordinances, and all acts done by such sanitary board or

committee, in carrying out such rules and regulations, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[135.]

ALTERING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW LONDON.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the court of common council of the city of New London shall have the power to make by-laws relative to licensing and regulating public hackmen and express men in said city, and relative to the compensation to [be] received by such public hackmen and express men for services performed within said city.

SEC. 2. This resolution shall take effect when the same has been approved by the freemen of said city, and by them accepted as an alteration of the charter of said city, in a city meeting legally warned and held for that purpose.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[139.]

RELATING TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WATERBURY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened:

Said city shall have full power, and it is hereby authorized and empowered, to take and use the water from the brook or stream which flows under North Main street, at or near the junction of Grove street, in said city, for the purpose of conveying the same in carts or other conveyances, to sprinkle any or all of the public streets in said city, and may construct

and erect such necessary conveyances as may enable said city to fully enjoy the powers and benefits conferred by this act ; and the court of common council of said city shall have power, and they are hereby authorized and directed to estimate and assess any and all damages that may arise to any proprietor adjoining said brook, or any person or corporations in any way damaged thereby ; and said amounts so estimated and assessed shall, within thirty days after the record of such assessment in the records of said city, be deposited in the hands of the treasurer of said city, subject to the order of such persons or corporation, respectively, as are mentioned in said record of assessment.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[149.]

VALIDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF JURORS FOR THE CITY OF
WATERBURY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the persons chosen and appointed as jurors for the city of Waterbury, at the meeting of the court of common council of said city, on the third Monday of June, 1866, be, and they are hereby confirmed as jurors for the city court of said city for the year ensuing ; and the appointment of said jurors is hereby ratified and made valid for the city court of said city, as organized and established by the act relating to the city of Waterbury, passed at this session of the legislature.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[160.]

RELATING TO THE CITY OF WATERBURY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the court of common council of the city of Waterbury shall have full power and authority to make contracts for the repairs of the streets and highways within said city, for such term or terms of years not exceeding five, as to them shall seem advisable.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[161.]

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT TO PURCHASE WATER-WORKS.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the common council of the city of Bridgeport, be, and is hereby authorized to purchase the water-works of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, and to issue the bonds of said city, with coupons attached, for the payment of the same, which bonds may be made payable at such time as may be agreed upon between said city and said company; *provided*, that said purchase shall first be ratified by the freemen of said city, in legal meeting assembled.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[115.]

RATIFYING THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas, The Congress of the United States has proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States an article designated as Article XIV., in the words following, to wit:—

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both Houses concurring,)

That the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid as part of the Constitution, namely :

ARTICLE XIV.

SEC. 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

SEC. 2. Representatives shall be appointed among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or

in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such state.

SEC. 3. No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State Legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may, by vote of two-thirds of each house, remove such disability.

SEC. 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations, and claims shall be held illegal and void.

SEC. 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the said article be approved and adopted, and it is hereby ratified as a part of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[62.]

AUTHORIZING THE FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION
OF HARTFORD.

Upon the petition of James Harrison and others,

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That James Harrison, James McKeown, Thomas Simons, James Watson, Patrick Harris, Hugh McIntyre and William Davis, with such others as may by law be associated with them, be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, under the name of the First United Presbyterian Congregation, of Hartford, with all the powers, duties, and liabilities of ecclesiastical societies organized under the general statutes of the state.

SEC. 2. This act may be amended, altered or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[93.]

AUTHORIZING THE TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN WOLCOTTVILLE, TO ISSUE BONDS.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Wolcottville have liberty, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to issue their bonds to an amount not exceeding eight thousand dollars; said bonds to bear interest not exceeding eight per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, for the sole purpose of paying their debt due for building their new church; said bonds to be payable not exceeding ten years from date, and the entire property held by said trustees in trust, for said church, including said new church, shall, by virtue hereof, be pledged for the security of said bonds; *provided*, this resolution, and a certificate signed by a majority

of said trustees, of the amount of bonds issued by virtue hereof, shall be recorded in the land records of the town of Torrington; *and provided further*, that said trustees shall at all times keep said new church insured to the amount of the outstanding bonds.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[12.]

AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATION TO BE GRANTED ON THE ESTATE OF
GRACE M. CLARK, LATE OF LEBANON, DECEASED.

Upon the petition of Henry L. Clark, of the town of Bozrah, in the county of New London, representing that his mother, Grace M. Clark, formerly Grace M. Lyon, late of the town of Lebanon, in said county, and now deceased; that the said Grace M. Clark, formerly Grace M. Lyon, died October fourteenth, A. D. 1843; and praying that letters of administration on said estate may be granted to George Lathrop, of said Bozrah, or some other proper person, as per petition on file more fully appears:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the court of probate for the probate district of Lebanon, in the county of New London, is hereby authorized to grant letters of administration on the estate of her, the said Grace M. Clark, formerly Grace M. Lyon, deceased, to George Lathrop, of the town of Bozrah, in said New London county, or some other proper person, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, May 23d, 1866.

[20.]

AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATION TO BE GRANTED UPON THE ESTATE
OF NANCY LANCRAFT, LATE OF EAST HAVEN, DECEASED.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the court of probate for the district of New Haven, be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to grant administration upon the estate of Nancy Lancraft, late of East Haven, in said district, deceased, in the same manner as it might have been granted at any time within seven years from the time of her death; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

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[184.]

CONFIRMING CONVEYANCES OF REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE,
MADE BY TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN BROOKS,
LATE OF BRIDGEPORT, DECEASED.

Whereas, Benjamin Brooks, late of Bridgeport, Connecticut, deceased, devised to William H. Noble, of said Bridgeport, in trust, for Harriet J. Noble, wife of said William, and daughter of said Benjamin, one of nine portions of his estate; *and whereas,* said trustee and said Harriet J. have at various times conveyed real and personal estate belonging to said trust, re-investing the proceeds thereof under said trust; *and whereas,* it is important to the interests of said devisees, and their children, and to their grantees and vendees, that their conveyances of said trust estate should be in all respects valid, and convey full title and fee to the property conveyed thereby; therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That all conveyances heretofore made, or that may hereafter be made, by said trustee and his

said wife jointly, be, and they hereby are confirmed and declared valid, and of full effect to convey such interest and title to said trust estate as they may purport. *Provided*, that nothing herein shall be construed to authorize the said trustee and wife, or either of them, to invest the consideration of such sales and conveyances otherwise than in the name of said trust.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

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[104.]

INCORPORATING THE ACCANANT FIRE ENGINE COMPANY, OF
WALLINGFORD.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Thaddeus T. Banks, Othniel I. Martin, Emery Morse, Roswell C. Adams, and John M. Hall, residing in Wallingford, and such other persons, not exceeding thirty, residing in said Wallingford, as are now or may hereafter be associated with them by voluntary enlistment, and they and their successors, are hereby incorporated as a fire engine and hose company, to be located in the town of Wallingford, by the name of "Accanant Fire Engine Company," and by that name shall have power to sue and be sued, to own and convey real estate and personal estate, not exceeding in value in the whole at one time the sum of three thousand dollars; to have a common seal; to appoint such officers as they may deem expedient; to make by-laws proper for regulating their concerns, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, and enforcing the same by penalties not exceeding five dollars for any one offence; to impose taxes upon themselves, and to fill up all vacancies in their number by voluntary enlistment; and said company and its members shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities which are by law granted to fire and hose companies in this state. No neglect to appoint officers shall work a dissolution of the corporation, and all officers shall hold their office until others are appointed in their

stead. This act may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[29.]

RESTORING TO CHARLES N. APPLEBY, OF MADISON, ALL THE RIGHTS FORFEITED BY HIM IN CONSEQUENCE OF HIS CONVICTION OF THE CRIME OF BURGLARY, &C.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Charles N. Appleby of Madison, in New Haven county, be, and he hereby is, restored to all rights forfeited by him in consequence of his conviction of the crime of burglary or theft.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[132.]

RESTORING TO PATRICK EAGAN, OF CHESHIRE, ALL THE RIGHTS FORFEITED BY HIM IN CONSEQUENCE OF HIS CONVICTION OF THE CRIME OF THEFT.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Patrick Eagan of Cheshire, in New Haven county, be, and he hereby is, restored to all the rights forfeited by him in consequence of his conviction of the crime of theft.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[19.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE NORWALK GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Norwalk Gas Light Company, be, and said corporation hereby is, authorized and empowered to increase its capital stock to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars; *provided*, such increase of capital stock shall not be valid until approved by a vote of the stockholders of said company, at a meeting duly warned and held for that purpose.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[120.]

RELATING TO THE MERIDEN GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Meriden Gas Light Company are hereby authorized and empowered to charge and collect the sum of four dollars and fifty cents per thousand cubic feet of gas manufactured and sold between the first day of July, 1866, and the first day of July, 1868, any provision in their charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[5.]

INCORPORATING THE BRIDGEPORT STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

Whereas, The Bridgeport Steamboat Company, a corporation organized and hitherto and still conducting their business under the joint stock law of this state, and now owning and running a line of steamboats for the transportation of pas-

sengers and freight between the town of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield, and state of Connecticut, and the city of New York ; *and whereas*, said corporation find it necessary for the better and more successful carrying out of their business to have and exercise more definite and extended powers in respect thereto ; now therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly :—SEC. 1. That said Bridgeport Steamboat Company may, and shall hereafter have the right to, and exercise their corporate franchise, and have and enjoy all the rights, powers, and privileges herein granted, and after their acceptance of this present act, conduct and carry on their business under the provisions hereof exclusively in the same way and manner, and to the same extent, in all respects, as if said corporation had been originally organized under a charter containing like provisions.

SEC. 2. The said Bridgeport Steamboat Company shall have and enjoy their said corporate franchise, and all the rights, powers, and privileges herein granted, for the purpose of transporting passengers and freight, and towing vessels by the power of steam, or otherwise, and transacting other business incident thereto, in the most advantageous manner. And in and by their said corporate name they and their successors and assigns shall be, and are hereby authorized and empowered, in addition to the goods, chattels, vessels, engines, boilers, machinery, property, and effects now belonging to said company, to purchase, take, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy, to them, their successors and assigns, any other goods, vessels, chattels, and effects of whatever kind they may be, the better to enable them to carry on such business to the best advantage, and also to purchase, hire, lease, take, hold, occupy, and enjoy any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, wharves, piers, or landing-places in the town of Bridgeport, and state of Connecticut, and elsewhere, as shall be necessary for the views and purposes of said corporation. Also, to contract for and take a lease or leases for a term or terms of years, of any such wharves, piers, or landing-places in said Bridgeport, for such time, and upon such terms as may

be agreed on with the owner or owners thereof, and with the consent and agreement of said owner or owners in said lease or leases expressed, to use, occupy, and enjoy said wharves, piers, and landing-places, during the continuance of such lease or leases, for the uses and purposes of said corporation herein authorized, to the exclusion of any and all other business or persons whatsoever, except with and by the consent of said lessees. Also to make and enter into and become parties to any contract or contracts, with any other corporation, association, or persons, which may be thought desirable and advantageous for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of passengers and freight; which said contract or contracts said other corporations, associations, and persons are hereby authorized to make; also, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, answer and be answered unto in any court of record or elsewhere. The said corporation may have and use a common seal, and may alter the same at pleasure.

SEC. 3. The said corporation, in addition to their present capital of three hundred thousand dollars, now divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each, shall have the power, and are hereby authorized to increase the same from time to time to an amount not exceeding in the whole five hundred thousand dollars, and issue and dispose of the same in such manner as the directors shall order. The capital stock of said corporation shall be deemed and considered personal property, and transferable only on the books of said company, in such form as shall be prescribed by the directors. Said company shall at all times have a lien upon the stock and property of its members invested therein for all debts due from them to said company.

SEC. 4. The stock, property, and affairs of said corporation shall be managed after the acceptance of this act, and until others are chosen in their place, by the then present directors, and thereafter by not less than three nor more than nine directors, one of whom they shall appoint their president, who shall hold his office for one year, and until another is chosen, which said directors shall be stockholders, and shall be annually elected in the month of January in each year, at such times and

places as the by-laws of said corporation shall prescribe. Notice of all stockholders' meetings shall be given at least five days prior to such meeting, in such way and manner as the directors shall order. A majority of said directors shall, in all cases when met in accordance with the by-laws of said company, constitute a board for the transaction of business, and a majority of the stockholders present at any legal meeting shall be capable of transacting the business of such meeting, each share entitling the owner thereof to one vote, which vote may be given by said stockholder in person or by lawful proxy.

SEC. 5. The president and directors for the time being, or a major part of them, shall have power to fill any vacancy which may happen in their board by death, resignation, or otherwise, for the then current year ; to appoint and employ from time to time a secretary, treasurer, and such other officers and employees as they may deem necessary and proper ; and may require said secretary, treasurer, and other officers to give such security, by bond or otherwise, for the faithful discharge of their trusts and duties, as said directors shall deem proper.

SEC. 6. The existing by-laws of said corporation shall continue in force until the same are altered or repealed by a vote of the stockholders, and said stockholders at any meeting shall have power to alter or repeal said by-laws, and to make and establish such other by-laws, rules, and regulations as they shall deem expedient for the better management of the concerns of said corporation, and the same to alter and repeal at pleasure. *Provided always,* that such by-laws, rules, and regulations be not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States. And said directors shall and may, as often as the interests of the stockholders shall require and the affairs of said company will permit, declare a dividend or dividends of profits on each share, which shall be paid by the treasurer of said company.

SEC. 7. If it shall so happen that an election of directors shall not be made at the regular annual meeting of said corporation, said corporation shall not, for that cause, be deemed to

be dissolved, but such election may be holden on any day thereafter which shall be appointed by the directors.

SEC. 8. The books of said corporation containing their accounts shall, at all reasonable times, be open to the inspection of any of the stockholders of said corporation, and as often as once in each year a statement of the accounts of said company shall be made by order of the directors.

SEC. 9. The directors may call in the subscriptions to the additional capital stock, and require the same to be paid at one time, or by installments, and at such times and places as they shall deem proper, giving such notice thereof as the by-laws and regulations of said company shall prescribe. And in case any stockholder shall refuse or neglect payment of such installment or installments for the term of sixty days after the same shall become due and payable, and after he, she, or they have been notified thereof, such negligent stockholder shall forfeit to said company all his, her, or their previous installments, together with all his, her, or their rights or interests whatever in said stock.

SEC. 10. The said corporation shall, within the period of three months next after the acceptance by its stockholders of this act, lodge with the secretary of state a certificate of such acceptance, containing a statement of the amount of capital actually paid in and belonging to said company, which said certificate shall be signed by the president and secretary, and verified by their oath, and the amount of capital stock thus certified shall not be withdrawn and refunded to the stockholders so as to reduce the same below the amount stated in said certificate; and in the event any part of the capital stock paid in and certified shall be withdrawn and refunded to the stockholders without the consent of the general assembly, the directors ordering, causing, or allowing such withdrawal or reduction of capital stock, shall be liable, jointly and severally, as traders in company, in case of the insolvency of said corporation at any period afterwards, for all debts owing by said corporation at the time of, or subsequently to, the reduction or diminution of the capital stock aforesaid.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect whenever the same has been assented to in writing, or at a meeting of the stockholders, legally warned for the purpose, shall have been approved by stockholders owning a majority of the stock of said corporation.

SEC. 12. This act shall be subject to be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, May 23d, 1866.

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[6.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CONTRACTORS TO REBUILD AND
SUPPORT UNION WHARF AND PIER IN NEW HAVEN.

Upon petition of "The Contractors to rebuild and support Union wharf and pier in New Haven," showing that they have at great expense extended the wharf and made large additions thereto, for accommodation of sea-going vessels and their cargoes, and that the recent act of the Congress of the United States having materially changed the measurement of vessels, thereby reducing the wharfage on tonnage of vessels using the wharf,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the rate of wharfage on all goods landed from or shipped on board of sea-going vessels at said wharf, is hereby established at the same rate as if landed from or shipped on board of coasting vessels, and the rates of wharfage on vessels using the wharf is hereby established at the rate of thirty-one and one-quarter cents per ton on the register or license tonnage, when paid by the year, and at the rate of one and one-quarter cents per ton register or license tonnage per day, when paid by the day, in lieu of the present rates. This act to take effect on and after the first day of July, 1866, and the said rate or rates of wharfage shall not be subject to be increased without the sanction of this assembly. And the petitioners shall have the same power

and authority to collect the wharfage hereby established, and to enforce the collection thereof, in the same manner as is provided for the collection of the wharfage heretofore established, any law or provision in said former resolve to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, May 25th, 1866.

[8.]

INCORPORATING THE NATIONAL SCREW COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That J. A. Ayres, Henry French, William B. Willard and Newton Case, and such other persons as shall be associated with them, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the “National Screw Company,” for the purpose of manufacturing screws of every variety, and all kinds of machinery necessary for the manufacture of the same, and other similar manufactures. And by that name they and their successors shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, take, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy, to them, their successors and assigns, any goods, chattels and effects, of whatever kind they may be, the better to enable them to carry on said business to advantage. And also to purchase, take, hold, occupy, and enjoy any lands, tenements or hereditaments, in the town of Hartford, that shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of said corporation, and the same or any part thereof to sell, lease and dispose of at pleasure. Also, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, answer and be answered unto in any court of record or elsewhere. And said corporation may have and use a common seal, and may alter the same at their pleasure.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be one million dollars, with liberty to increase the same, from time to

time, to an amount not exceeding in the whole the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which shares shall be deemed personal property, and be transferable only on the books of said corporation in such manner as the by-laws of said corporation shall prescribe. And said corporation may organize, go into operation, and commence business whenever and as soon as five hundred thousand dollars of said stock shall be taken and subscribed for. And said directors may obtain new subscriptions to the capital stock at any time, not exceeding in the whole the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. The stock, property, and affairs of said corporation shall be managed by not less than three nor more than seven directors, one of whom shall, by said directors, be appointed president, and the said directors shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are chosen. Said directors shall be stockholders, and shall be annually elected at such times and places as shall be prescribed by the by-laws of said corporation. A majority of said directors shall in all cases, when met in conformity with the by-laws, constitute a board for the transaction of business, and a majority of the stockholders present at any legal meeting shall be capable of transacting the business of such meeting, each share of stock entitling the owner thereof to one vote, which vote may be given by said stockholder in person or by lawful proxy. The first meeting of the corporation hereby formed may be called by the person or persons designated for that purpose by the corporators named in the first section of this act, at such time and place, and giving such notice of such meeting as the person or persons, or a majority of them, thus designated, shall deem reasonable and proper.

SEC. 4. The directors, for the time being, or a majority of them, shall have power to fill any vacancy which may happen in their board by death, resignation or otherwise, for the then current year, and to appoint and employ from time to time a secretary, treasurer, and such other officers, mechanics and laborers as they may think proper for the transaction of the busi-

ness and concerns of said company, and may require said secretary, treasurer and other officers to give such security, by bond or otherwise, for the faithful discharge of their trusts and duties, as said directors shall deem proper ; and also to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations as they shall deem expedient for the management of the affairs of said corporation, and the same to alter and repeal ; *provided always*, that such by-laws, rules and regulations be not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States. And said directors shall and may, as often as the interests of the stock-holders and the affairs of said company will permit, declare a dividend or dividends of profits on each share, which shall be paid by the treasurer of said company ; *provided*, that the payment of said dividends be not to the detriment of creditors.

SEC. 5. If it shall so occur that an election of directors shall not be made on any day appointed by the by-laws of said company, said corporation shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but such election may be held on any day thereafter which shall be appointed by the directors.

SEC. 6. The directors may call in the subscriptions to the capital stock by installments, in such proportions and at such times and places as they shall deem proper, giving such notice thereof as the by-laws and regulations of said company shall prescribe ; and in case any stockholder shall neglect or refuse payment of any installment for the term of sixty days after the same shall become payable, and after he shall have been notified thereof, the stock of such negligent stockholder shall be sold by the directors at public auction, giving at least thirty days' notice thereof in some newspaper published in the town of Hartford, and the proceeds of such sale shall be first applied to the payment of the installment called for, and the expenses attending the call and sale, and the residue shall be refunded to the owner thereof. And such sale shall entitle the purchaser to all the rights of a stockholder of said company, to the extent of the shares so bought.

SEC. 7. The said corporation shall, within the period of twelve months next after the same shall become organized,

lodge a certificate with the secretary of this state, containing the amount of capital stock actually paid in and belonging to said company, which said certificate shall be signed by the president and secretary, and verified by their oath. And within twelve months after all subsequent installments (if any) of said capital stock, or of any increase thereof, shall have been paid in, a like certificate shall be made and lodged. And the amount of capital stock thus certified shall not be withdrawn so as to reduce the same below the amount stated in said certificate. And in the event any part of the capital stock paid in and certified shall be withdrawn without the consent of the general assembly, the directors ordering, causing or allowing such withdrawal or reduction of capital, shall be liable, jointly and severally, as traders in company, in case of the insolvency of said corporation at any period afterwards, for all debts owing by said corporation at the time of or subsequently to the reduction or diminution of the capital as aforesaid. This resolution may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect on and after the day of its passage.

Approved, May 23d, 1866.

[16.]

INCORPORATING THE "BARNUM AND VAN AMBURGH MUSEUM AND MENAGERIE COMPANY."

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Phineas T. Barnum, William S. Van Amburgh, Hyatt Frost, Henry Barnum, James E. Kelley, and S. H. Hurd, with all others who are or shall hereafter become associated with them, be, and they hereby are, with their successors and assigns, made and established a body politic and corporate by the name of the "Barnum and Van Amburgh Museum and Menagerie Company," for the purpose of importing, breeding, acclimating and exhibiting

foreign animals, birds, reptiles, insects and fish, and of establishing, building, furnishing and conducting a museum or museums, and zoological gardens or collections in connection therewith or otherwise, and by that name they and their assigns and successors shall be, and hereby are authorized and empowered to purchase, lease, take, hold, mortgage, occupy, possess and enjoy to them and their successors and assigns, any goods, chattels and effects of whatever kind they may be, the better to enable them to carry on said business to advantage; and also to purchase, lease, take, hold, mortgage, occupy and enjoy any lands, tenements or hereditaments in the towns of Bridgeport, Fairfield, or elsewhere, that shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of said corporation, and the same or any part thereof to sell, lease and dispose of at pleasure; also to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, answer and be answered unto, in any court of record or elsewhere; and said corporation may have and use a common seal, and may alter the same at their pleasure.

SEC. 2. The said corporation is authorized to give all such public exhibitions as their by-laws shall prescribe, and that are not forbidden by the laws of this state or of the state where given, subject to the payment of all such license moneys to this state, or to the state where given, as are or shall be prescribed by the laws of the same.

SEC. 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall be five hundred thousand dollars, with liberty to increase the same, from time to time, to an amount not exceeding in the whole the sum of two millions of dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which shares shall be deemed personal property, and be transferable only on the books of said corporation, in such manner as the by-laws of said corporation shall prescribe; and said corporation may organize, go into operation, and commence business whenever and as soon as two hundred thousand dollars of said stock shall be taken and subscribed for; and the directors of said corporation may obtain new subscriptions to the capital stock at any time, not exceeding in the whole the sum of two millions of dollars.

SEC. 4. The stock, property and affairs of said corporation shall be managed by not less than three nor more than seven directors, one of whom shall by said directors be appointed president, and the said directors shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are chosen ; said directors shall be stockholders, and shall be annually elected at such times and places as shall be prescribed by the by-laws of said corporation. A majority of said directors shall, in all cases when met in conformity with the by-laws, constitute a board for the transaction of business, and a majority of the stockholders present at any legal meeting shall be capable of transacting the business of such meeting, each share of stock entitling the owner thereof to one vote, which vote may be given by said stockholder in person or by lawful proxy. The first meeting of the corporation hereby formed may be called by the person or persons designated for that purpose by the corporators named in the first section of this act, at such time and place, and giving such notice of such meeting as the person or persons, or a majority of them thus designated, shall deem reasonable and proper.

SEC. 5. The directors for the time being, or a majority of them, shall have power to fill any vacancy which may happen in their board by death, resignation, or otherwise, for the then current year, and to appoint and employ from time to time a secretary, treasurer, and such other officers, mechanics, laborers and other persons, as they may think proper for the transaction of the business and concerns of said company, and may require said secretary, treasurer and other officers to give such security, by bond or otherwise, for the faithful discharge of their trusts and duties as said directors shall deem proper, and also to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations as they shall deem expedient for the management of the affairs of said corporation, and the same to alter and repeal ; *provided always,* that such by-laws, rules and regulations be not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States ; and said directors shall and may, as often as the interests of the stockholders and the affairs of the company will permit, declare a dividend or dividends of profits on each share, which shall be paid by the treasurer of said company.

SEC. 6. If it shall so occur that an election of directors shall not be made on any day appointed by the by-laws of said company, said corporation shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but such election may be held on any day thereafter which shall be appointed by the directors.

SEC. 7. The directors may call in the subscriptions to the capital stock by installments, in such proportions and at such times and places as they shall deem proper, giving such notice thereof as the by-laws and regulations of said company shall prescribe; and in case any stockholder shall neglect or refuse payment of any installment for the term of sixty days after the same shall become payable, and after he shall have been notified thereof, the stock of such negligent stockholder shall be sold by the directors at public auction, giving at least thirty days' notice thereof in some newspaper published in the towns of Fairfield or Bridgeport, and the proceeds of such sale shall be first applied to the payment of the installment called for, and the expenses attending the call and sale, and the residue shall be refunded to the owner thereof; and such sale shall entitle the purchaser to all the rights of a stockholder of said company, to the extent of the shares so bought.

SEC. 8. The said corporation shall, within the period of twelve months next after the same shall become organized, lodge a certificate with the secretary of this state, containing the amount of capital stock actually paid in and belonging to said company, which said certificate shall be signed by the president and secretary, and verified by their oath; and within twelve months after all subsequent installments (if any) of such capital stock, or of any increase thereof, shall have been paid in, a like certificate shall be made and lodged; and the amount of capital stock thus certified shall not be withdrawn so as to reduce the same below the amount stated in said certificate; and in the event that any part of the capital stock thus certified shall be withdrawn without the consent of the general assembly, the directors ordering, causing or allowing such withdrawal or reduction of capital, shall be liable, jointly and severally, as traders in company, in case of the insolvency of said

corporation at any period afterwards, for all debts owing by said corporation at the time of or subsequently to the reduction or diminution of the capital as aforesaid; and no stockholder shall be otherwise liable in his private capacity for any debt or liability of said company.

SEC. 9. This resolution shall take effect from its passage, and may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[27.]

INCORPORATING THE SAUGATUCK BRIDGE COMPANY OF WESTPORT.

Upon the petition of Francis B. Cutting and others, praying for an act of incorporation authorizing them to construct a bridge across Saugatuck river, at the village of Saugatuck, in the town of Westport, with a suitable and convenient draw therein :

Resolved by this Assembly, That Francis B. Cutting, Elonozo S. Wheeler, Jonathan E. Wheeler, Landon Ketchum, Edward J. Taylor, and others, who are or hereafter shall be associated with them, hereby are, with their successors and assigns, made a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Saugatuck Bridge Company of Westport, for the purpose of constructing and keeping up, over Saugatuck river, at the village of Saugatuck, in said town of Westport, a bridge, with a suitable and convenient draw therein, not less than fifty feet wide, for the use and benefit of said company and the public, in one of the two places specified in the original petition, which shall be selected by a majority of the stockholders of said company, at a meeting of said stockholders, called for that purpose, by the first three corporators named in this charter, at such time and on such notice as to them shall seem reasonable and proper

And said corporators, their successors and assigns, by said name, are hereby authorized and empowered to take, purchase, hold, use and dispose of such real and personal estate as may be necessary to effect the objects of this charter. And in the event it becomes necessary for said company to take real estate for the uses and purposes of this charter, and the owners of said land and said company cannot agree on the value of the same, then any judge of the superior court, capable in law of judging between the parties, shall, on a proper application therefor, appoint three disinterested persons, freeholders of said town of Westport, who shall, on such notice to the parties as to them shall seem necessary and proper, fix the value of said land so proposed to be taken, and their decision in said case shall be final ; said freeholders shall make return of their doings to the next superior court in the county of Fairfield, and on the acceptance of the doings of said freeholders, by said court, the title to said land so taken shall vest in said company ; also to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended in any court of record, and to have, use and alter a common seal. That the capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars ; that a share of said stock shall not exceed twenty-five dollars, and shall entitle its owner to one vote in the meetings of said company ; shall be called in by installments, and be transferable on the books of said company in any such manner as the directors of said company shall prescribe ; and shall be subject to lien of said company thereon, for installments due on said stock, and may be declared by said company forfeited after thirty days' notice for non-payment. The stock, property and affairs of said company shall be managed by not less than three, nor more than five directors, one of whom shall be by them appointed president of said company. Said directors shall be elected annually at such time and place as the regulations of said corporation shall prescribe, and shall hold their offices until others are chosen in their stead, and a majority of them shall constitute a board for the transaction of business, with power to fill any vacaney occurring in their board, and to appoint other necessary officers of said com-

pany, and to make, alter, and repeal all needful and legal by-laws and regulations, and shall, after paying all debts, declare a dividend out of the net earnings of said company, annually. That the commissioners to be appointed on said bridge shall give public notice in one or more newspapers printed in Bridgeport, of the time when and the place where the books of subscriptions to the stock of said company shall be opened; and that whenever the stock necessary for the construction of said bridge is subscribed, they shall distribute the same, and shall give public notice through one of the newspapers printed in Bridgeport, of the first meeting of said corporation. That when said bridge is completed, the said company may erect a toll-gate, at such convenient place on said bridge, or at either extremity thereof, as the directors may elect, and collect at such toll-gate the following rates of toll, to wit:

For each man and horse,	04
For each chaise or gig, and passengers and horse,	12
For each sulky and man and horse,	06
For each pleasure four wheel coach, or hack with two horses, driver and passengers,	12
For each stage, driver and passengers,	12
For each pleasure four wheel carriage, drawn by one horse,	08
For each one horse wagon, driver and horse,	06
For each two horse wagon and driver,	08
For each two horse pleasure sleigh, driver and passengers,	08
For each loaded wagon or sleigh and driver,	12
For each one horse sleigh, driver and passengers,	06
For each loaded cart or ox wagon, drawn by four beasts,	12
For each and every additional cart,	02
For each and every loaded cart or ox wagon, drawn by less than four beasts,	08
For each empty cart or ox wagon, drawn by four beasts,	06
For each empty cart or wagon, drawn by less than four beasts,	06
For each loaded horse-cart and horse,	06
For each empty horse-cart and horse,	04
For each loaded ox sled, drawn by four beasts, and driver,	12

For each loaded ox sled and driver, drawn by less than four beasts,	08
For each empty ox sled and driver,	06
For each led or drift horse, mule, ox or neat kine,	01
For each foot passenger,	01
For each sheep, swine or goat,	01

Provided, that persons going to and from public worship, within the said or next adjoining towns, or to a funeral, or to military duty, or to electors, or town meetings, shall pass said bridge free of charge: *provided also*, that the inhabitants living within two miles of either end of said bridge, on application to the commissioners of said bridge, at an annual meeting of said commissioners, to be holden on the first Monday of May, in each and every year, after said bridge shall be erected, reasonable notice of such meetings being first given, may, in lieu of such toll, be assessed in such sums by the year, as said commissioners shall deem just and reasonable, taking into consideration the number of times and mode in which said applicants shall pass said bridge: *provided also*, that any inhabitant of said town living within such distance of such bridge, may, at any time during any year, on application to said commissioners, be assessed in the same manner above stated, due notice of such application being given to said company. And said inhabitants may, at the time of such assessment, elect to pass said bridge at the rates of toll hereinbefore mentioned, or to abide by the assessments made by said commissioners, the persons so assessed not to pass said bridge, under such assessment, until the same shall have been paid to said bridge company: *provided also*, that the draw to be erected over the channel of said river in said bridge, shall be constructed of the width of fifty feet, and shall be so arranged as to furnish as little impediment to navigation as is consistent with a proper and economical construction of said bridge, and shall always be provided with an attendant, to open and shut the said draw, whenever required for the passage of vessels: *provided also*, that said bridge, when completed, shall have at its sides a good and substantial railing, well braced, or secured in a thorough and safe

manner, to be approved of by the commissioners on said bridge: *provided also*, that this grant shall be subject to be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly, and that said bridge shall be completed within five years from the passage of this bill. *And provided further*, that the town of Westport shall have the right to purchase said bridge and the franchise of said company at any time after the completion of said bridge and the opening of the same for public travel at a fair valuation; and in the event said town and said company cannot agree as to the value of said bridge and franchise, then either party may apply to a judge of the superior court, capable in law of judging between the parties, who shall appoint three disinterested persons, freeholders, not residents of said town of Westport, who shall value said bridge and franchise, and whose judgment in said matter shall be final, and said town shall give and said company take the sum which shall be thus fixed for said bridge and franchise.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

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[34.]

CHANGING THE NAME OF THE "SHEPAUG SPATHIC IRON AND STEEL COMPANY," TO THAT OF THE AMERICAN SILVER STEEL COMPANY, AND INCREASING THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE SAME.

Resolved by this Assembly :—SEC. 1. That the name of the Shepaug Spathic Iron and Steel Company be changed; and that said company shall hereafter be known and designated by the name of the American Silver Steel Company.

SEC. 2. That said company be allowed, and authority is hereby given, to increase the capital stock of said company to one million of dollars.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[52.]

INCORPORATING THE HYDRAULIC TUBE DRAWING COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Nathaniel Wheeler, O. F. Winchester, James Wilson, George W. Bacon, and Henry A. Chapin, with all others who may hereafter be associated with them, and their successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the “Hydraulic Tube Drawing Company,” to be located in the town of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield, for the purpose of drawing seamless tubes by hydraulic pressure, and manufacturing other articles and goods composed of metal or wood, or of which metal or wood is a constituent part, and to do such other things as are incidental to or necessary in the prosecution of such business, and for mercantile purposes; and by that name they and their successors and assigns shall be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to purchase, take, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy to them, their successors and assigns, any letters patent, or patent rights, and any goods, chattels, and effects, of whatever kind they may be, the better to enable them to carry on such business to advantage. Also to purchase, lease, take, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy, to them, their successors and assigns, any lands, tenements, and hereditaments which shall be necessary for the views and purposes of the said corporation, and the same or any part thereof to sell, lease, and dispose of at pleasure; also, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, answer and be answered unto, in any court of record or elsewhere; also to make and establish such by-laws, rules, and regulations as they shall deem expedient for the better management of the concerns of said corporation, and the same to alter and repeal; *provided always*, that such by-laws, rules, and regulations be not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States. And said corporation may adopt and use a common seal, and may alter the same at their pleasure.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be two

hundred thousand dollars, with liberty to increase the same, from time to time, to an amount not exceeding in the whole the sum of six hundred thousand dollars ; and such increase or addition shall not be made, unless ordered or approved by a vote of the stockholders, at an annual meeting, or at a meeting specially warned for that purpose. The shares of said capital stock shall be twenty-five dollars each, and shall be deemed personal property, and be transferable only on the books of said corporation, in such form as the by-laws thereof shall prescribe ; and said corporation shall at all times have a lien on all the stock and property of its members invested therein, for all debts due from them to said corporation. And said corporation may organize, go into operation, and commence business whenever and as soon as two hundred thousand dollars of said stock shall be subscribed for.

SEC. 3. The stock, property, affairs, and business of said corporation shall be under the care of, and managed by, not less than three nor more than seven directors, one of whom shall, by said directors, be appointed president, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are chosen in their stead ; said directors shall be stockholders, and shall be chosen annually by the stockholders, at such time and place as shall be provided by the by-laws of said corporation. A majority of said directors shall, in all cases, when met in conformity with the by-laws, constitute a quorum for the transaction of business ; and a majority of the stockholders present at any legal meeting shall be capable of transacting the business of such meeting ; and at all meetings of the stockholders each share of stock shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote, which vote may be given by said stockholder in person or by lawful proxy. The first meeting of the corporation hereby formed may be called by any two of the corporators named in the first section of this act, at such time and place, and upon giving such notice of such meeting as they shall deem reasonable and proper.

SEC. 4. The directors for the time being, or a majority of them, shall have power to fill any vacancy in their board, which may happen by death, resignation or otherwise, for the then

current year; and a majority of the directors, when met in conformity with the by-laws, shall have power to appoint and employ, from time to time, a secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as the by-laws of the corporation shall prescribe, who shall hold their offices until others shall be chosen in their stead; and said directors may employ all such agents, mechanics, and laborers, as they may think proper, for the transaction and management of the business and affairs of said corporation; and may require said secretary, treasurer, and other officers and agents to give such security, by bond or otherwise, for the faithful discharge of their trusts and duties, as said directors shall deem proper. And said directors shall and may, as often as the interests of the stockholders shall require and the affairs of the corporation will permit, declare a dividend or dividends of the profits on each share, which shall be paid by the treasurer of said corporation.

SEC. 5. If it shall so happen that any annual meeting which may be required by the by-laws of said corporation, shall not be held at the time fixed for the same, or that an election of directors shall not be made on any day provided by the by-laws for such election, said corporation shall not for such cause be deemed to be dissolved; but such annual meeting, and such election of directors, may be held on any day thereafter, which the directors may appoint, in conformity with the by-laws.

SEC. 6. The books of said corporation, containing their accounts, shall, at all reasonable times, be open for the inspection of the stockholders of said corporation. And as often as once in each year a statement of the accounts of said company shall be made, by order of the president or directors; and such statement shall, at all reasonable times, be exhibited to any creditor of said corporation, who shall apply to see the same.

SEC. 7. The directors may call in the subscriptions to the capital stock, by installments, in such proportions and at such times and places as they shall deem proper, giving such notice thereof as the by-laws and regulations of said corporation shall prescribe. And in case any stockholder shall neglect or refuse payment of such installment or installments for the period of

sixty days after he, she, or they have been notified thereof, the stock of such negligent stockholder or stockholders, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be sold by the directors, at public auction, giving at least thirty days' notice thereof, in some newspaper published in the town of Bridgeport, and the proceeds of such sale shall be first applied in payment of the installments called for, and the expenses attending the call and sale, and the residue shall be refunded to the owner thereof. And such sale shall entitle the purchaser to all the rights of a stockholder, to the extent of the shares so bought. And nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize or empower said corporation to use their funds for banking purposes.

SEC. 8. The said corporation shall, within the period of three months next after the same shall become organized, make and lodge with the secretary of this state, a certificate, setting forth the whole amount of capital stock subscribed for, and the amount of the same actually paid in, the names of the stockholders, and the number of shares held by each; which certificate shall be signed by the president and secretary of said corporation, and verified by their oaths; and within three months after any subsequent installment of said capital stock, or of any increase thereof, shall have been paid in, a like certificate shall be made and lodged as aforesaid. And no part of the capital stock, thus paid in and certified, shall be withdrawn, so as to reduce the same below the amount stated in said certificates; and if, without the consent of the general assembly, any part of the capital stock paid in and certified as aforesaid, shall be withdrawn before the payment of all the debts of the corporation, for which such stock would have been liable, the directors who shall order, cause, or allow such withdrawal or reduction of capital, in the event of the insolvency of the corporation in consequence thereof, shall be liable, jointly and severally, as traders in company, for all debts owing by said corporation at the time of or subsequently to the reduction or diminution of the capital as aforesaid.

SEC. 9. This act shall be subject to be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[55.]

INCORPORATING THE MILFORD AND ORANGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Resolved by this Assembly :— SEC. 1. That David Miles, Elbee J. Treat, Caleb T. Merwin, Elijah E. Benham, William H. Pond, Charles F. Smith, William S. Pond, Isaac C. Smith, George Cornwall, 2d, William M. Merwin, Miles B. Merwin, Charles S. Baird, David B. Platt, Elijah B. Tibbals, Josiah P. Isbell, Enoch Clark, Isaac A. Smith, George R. Kelsey, Albert F. Miles, Merwin Andrew, Dennis Andrew, Leverit B. Treat, Nelson Tyler, Jay L. Northrop, and all such persons as are or may be associated with them, be, and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the “Milford and Orange Agricultural Society.”

SEC. 2. The object of the society being the improvement of agriculture, horticulture, and the household arts, they shall be and are hereby for those purposes, made capable in law to have, purchase, receive, possess, and enjoy, to them and their successors, lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, and effects, of what kind and quality soever, necessary to give effect to the purposes of this society, and the same to sell, grant, demise, alien, and dispose of, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended in all courts in this state and elsewhere, to have and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure; *provided*, that the whole amount of real and personal property held by this corporation shall not exceed in value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. The said society shall have power to appoint such officers as they may deem expedient, and also to make, ordain, establish, and put in execution such by-laws and regulations as shall be deemed necessary and convenient for the well ordering and government of said society, and not contrary to this act or the laws of this state or of the United States, and to do and execute all and singular the matters and things which to them may or shall appertain to do, subject to the rules and provisions herein above prescribed.

SEC. 4. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[61.]

INCORPORATING "THE BANKERS' EXPRESS COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT."

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That E. N. Kellogg, A. S. Porter, Chester Adams, Thomas K. Brace of Hartford, John S. Rice of Farmington, E. C. Scranton and T. E. Doolittle of New Haven, and H. Lynde Garrison of Branford, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "Bankers' Express Company," with power to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and equity; may enjoy all the privileges incident to corporations; and may purchase, hold and convey real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one million of dollars; and the capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of one million of dollars, except as hereinafter provided. Said corporation may have a common seal, which they may alter at pleasure. The business of said corporation shall be: the transmission of money and other packages of value, either by land or water, to and from any point in this and other states wherever an agent or agents of said corporation may be located. Two-thirds of the directors, the secretary and treasurer of said corporation, shall at all times reside in this state.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of the corporation may be called by the persons named in this act, at such time and place in the town of Hartford as may be agreed upon by the persons named in this act; and at said meeting, and at all other meetings legally notified, said corporation may make, alter and repeal such by-laws and regulations, for the management of the

business of said corporation, as a majority of the stockholders may direct, not repugnant to the laws of this state or of the United States.

SEC. 3. The said corporation may divide their original stock into such number of shares, and provide for the sale and transfer thereof, in such manner and form as said corporation shall from time to time deem expedient; and if said corporation shall by purchase, lease or otherwise, become possessed of any real or personal estate in connection with their business, without the limits of this state, the directors of said corporation may make a separate and distinct interest of such real and personal estate, and may divide the same into such number of shares as they may deem expedient, not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and may levy and collect assessments, forfeit and sell delinquent shares, declare and pay dividends on said shares, in such manner as the by-laws direct.

SEC. 4. The general office of said corporation shall be in Hartford, county of Hartford, and state of Connecticut, and all books of record and transfer shall be kept therein, and at all times open to the inspection of the stockholders. It shall also be the duty of the directors of said corporation to cause a book to be kept by the clerk or treasurer thereof, containing the names of all persons, alphabetically arranged, who are, or shall within three years, have been stockholders of said corporation, and showing their place of residence, and the number of shares of stock held by them respectively, and the time when they became respectively the owner of such shares, and the amount of stock actually paid in, which book shall, during the usual hours of business of each secular day, be open for the inspection of stockholders, and all creditors of the corporation, or their personal representatives.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall not contract any debt or commence business until ten per cent. of the capital stock is paid in, no part of which shall be withdrawn, or in any manner diverted from the business of said corporation, and shall not contract debts to an amount exceeding the amount of capital

stock actually paid in. If the indebtedness of said corporation shall at any time exceed the amount of capital stock, the directors of said corporation assenting thereto, shall be personally liable and individually holden for the excess, to the creditors of said corporation.

SEC. 6. This act may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[68.]

AN ACT IN ALTERATION OF AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE MEDICAL INSTITUTION OF YALE COLLEGE."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened:

That the act entitled "An Act in relation to the Medical Institution of Yale College," approved June 5th, 1834, be, and the same is hereby amended, as hereinafter set forth, namely: That section two be amended by striking out the words "not less than four nor more than six professorships," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "not less than four professorships." Also by striking out the words "twelve dollars and fifty cents," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifteen dollars." That section four be amended by striking out all of said section as far as and including the word "dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "each candidate for the degree of doctor in medicine shall be required to attend two full courses of lectures, one of which, at least, shall be at the Medical Institution of Yale College, the other, if attended elsewhere, being at an institution where a similar course of public instruction is pursued; which degree, upon the recommendation of at least two-thirds of the committee of examination shall be conferred by the president of the college, and the diploma signed by him and

countersigned by the examining committee, or a majority of them; and the fee for graduation shall be twenty-five dollars." That section five be amended by striking out the words "with a vote at all times, and a casting vote when there is a tie." Also by striking out the words "four dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "fifteen dollars." That section six be amended by striking out the words "there shall be but one examination in the year, which shall be immediately at the close of the lectures," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "there shall be two examinations in the year, one of which shall be held immediately at the close of the lectures, and the other during commencement week in the academical department of Yale College."

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[70.]

INCORPORATING THE COVE FISHING COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That George Taylor, John P. Treadwell, Benjamin E. Bostwick, Royal I. Canfield, John J. Stilson, Henry Camp, Isaac B. Bristol, Jared Bostwick, Lawrence N. Jennings, Charles Randall, Marshall Marsh, Noble S. Bennett, Stephen S. Morehouse and Augustine Thayer of New Milford, in Litchfield county, together with all persons who now own an interest in the Cove Fishing Place, so called, in said New Milford, be, and they are hereby incorporated by the name, style and title of the "Cove Fishing Company," and that they and such others as shall hereafter become interested as owners of any portion of the property belonging to such corporation, shall be and remain a body politic and corporate by the same name, style and title forever. Said corporation shall be located at said New Milford.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall be capable to hold property

of any kind and nature not exceeding five thousand dollars, manage, dispose of and alien the same at pleasure, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and defend in any court whatever, may do all lawful acts to defend, secure and protect their property that an individual could, may have and use a common seal, such as may be agreed upon by the corporation, and may change the same at pleasure; may hold all necessary meetings, make by-laws and regulations to carry into effect the object of the corporation, not repugnant to the laws of this state or of the United States, and generally to do all acts appertaining to the business of the corporation.

SEC. 3. The property now called the "Cove Fishing Place," and all property connected with it, shall become and remain the property of said corporation, and each of the owners of said property shall have an interest in the property of said corporation in proportion to their interest in said "Cove Fishing Place," and the amount of their interest and the number of votes each shall be entitled to, shall be fixed by said corporation, at a meeting called for that purpose.

SEC. 4. George Taylor, of said New Milford, is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation at such time and place as he may fix upon, he notifying the members of said corporation by causing notice of said meeting to be posted on the sign-post in said New Milford, at least five days before the holding of said meeting.

SEC. 5. This resolution may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[76.]

INCORPORATING THE NEW HAVEN STEAM TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.

Whereas, The New Haven Steam Transportation Company, a corporation organized under the joint stock laws of this state, to transact business as transporters and carriers of merchandise and passengers between the cities of New Haven and New York, or between any other ports of the United Sates, find that the successful prosecution of their aforesaid business will be facilitated by the grant to them of more definite and extended powers in respect thereto ; now, therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly :—SEC. 1. That said New Haven Steam Transportation Company may, and shall hereafter have the right to, and exercise their corporate franchise, and have and enjoy all the rights, powers, and privileges herein granted, and after their acceptance of this present act, conduct and carry on their business under the provisions hereof exclusively in the same way and manner, and to the same extent, in all respects, as if said corporation had been originally organized under a charter containing like provisions.

SEC. 2. The said New Haven Steam Transportation Company shall have and enjoy their said corporate franchise, and all the rights, powers, and privileges herein granted, for the purpose of transporting freight and passengers, and towing vessels by the power of steam, or otherwise, and transacting other business incident thereto, in the most advantageous manner. And in and by their said corporate name they and their successors and assigns shall be, and are hereby authorized and empowered, in addition to the goods, chattels, vessels, engines, boilers, machinery, property, and effects now belonging to said company, to purchase, take, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy, to them, their successors and assigns, any other goods, vessels, chattels, and effects of whatever kind they may be, the better to enable them to carry on such business to the best advantage;

and also to purchase, hire, lease, take, hold, occupy, and enjoy any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, and to build, purchase, hire, lease, take, hold, occupy, and enjoy any wharves, piers, or landing-places in the town of New Haven, and state of Connecticut, and elsewhere, as shall be necessary for the views and purposes of said corporation. Also, to contract for and take a lease or leases for a term or terms of years, of any such wharves, piers, or landing-places in said town of New Haven or elsewhere, for such time and upon such terms as may be agreed on with the owner or owners thereof, and with the consent and agreement of said owner or owners in said lease or leases expressed, to use, occupy, and enjoy said wharves, piers, and landing-places, during the continuance of such lease or leases, for the uses and purposes of said corporation herein authorized, to the exclusion of any and all other business or persons whatsoever, except with and by the consent of said lessees. Also to make and enter into and become parties to any contract or contracts, with any other corporation, association, or persons, which may be thought desirable and advantageous for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of passengers and freight; which said contract or contracts said other corporations, associations, and persons are hereby authorized to make; also to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, answer and be answered unto in any court of record or elsewhere. The said corporation may have and use a common seal, and may alter the same at pleasure.

SEC. 3. The said corporation, in addition to their present capital of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, now divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each, shall have the power, and are hereby authorized to increase the same from time to time to an amount not exceeding in the whole five hundred thousand dollars, and issue and dispose of the same in such manner as the directors shall order. The capital stock of said corporation shall be deemed and considered personal property, and transferable only on the books of said company, in such form as shall be prescribed by the directors. Said company shall at all times have a lien upon the stock and property of its

members invested therein for all debts due from them to said company.

SEC. 4. The stock, property and affairs of said corporation shall be managed after the acceptance of this act, and until others are chosen in their place, by the then present directors, and thereafter by not less than three nor more than seven directors, one of whom they shall appoint their president, who shall hold his office for one year, and until another is chosen, which said directors shall be stockholders and shall be annually elected in the month of January in each year, at such times and places as the by-laws of said corporation shall prescribe. Notice of all stockholders' meetings shall be given at least five days prior to such meeting, in such way and manner as the directors shall order. A majority of said directors shall, in all cases when met in accordance with the by-laws of said company, constitute a board for the transaction of business, and a majority of the stockholders present at any legal meeting shall be capable of transacting the business of such meeting, each share entitling the owner thereof to one vote, which vote may be given by said stockholder in person or by lawful proxy.

SEC. 5. The president and directors for the time being, or a major part of them, shall have power to fill any vacancy which may happen in their board by death, resignation or otherwise, for the then current year; to appoint and employ from time to time a secretary, treasurer and such other officers and employees as they may deem necessary and proper; and may require said secretary, treasurer and other officers to give such security, by bond or otherwise, for the faithful discharge of their trusts and duties as said directors shall deem proper.

SEC. 6. The existing by-laws of said corporation shall continue in force until the same are altered or repealed by a vote of the stockholders, and said stockholders at any meeting shall have power to alter or repeal said by-laws, and to make and establish such other by-laws, rules and regulations as they shall deem expedient for the better management of the concerns of said corporation, and the same to alter and repeal at pleasure. *Provided always,* that such by-laws, rules and regulations be

not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States. And said directors shall and may, as often as the interests of the stockholders shall require and the affairs of said company will permit, declare a dividend of profits on each share, which shall be paid by the treasurer of said company.

SEC. 7. If it shall so happen that an election of directors shall not be made at the regular annual meeting of said corporation, said corporation shall not, for that cause, be deemed to be dissolved, but such election may be holden on any day thereafter which shall be appointed by the directors.

SEC. 8. The books of said corporation containing their accounts shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of any of the stockholders of said corporation, and as often as once in each year a statement of the accounts of said company shall be made by order of the directors.

SEC. 9. The directors may call in the subscriptions to the capital stock, and require the same to be paid at one time, or by installments, and at such times and places as they shall deem proper, giving such notice thereof as the by-laws and regulations of said company shall prescribe. And in case any stockholder shall refuse or neglect payment of such installment or installments for the term of sixty days after the same shall become due and payable, and after he, she or they have been notified thereof, such negligent stockholder shall forfeit to said company all his, her or their previous installments, together with all his, her or their rights or interests whatever in said stock.

SEC. 10. The said corporation shall, within the period of three months next after the acceptance by its stockholders of this act, lodge with the secretary of state a certificate of such acceptance, containing a statement of the amount of capital actually paid in and belonging to said company, which said certificate shall be signed by the president and secretary, and verified by their oath; and the amount of capital stock thus certified shall not be withdrawn and refunded to the stockholders so as to reduce the same below the amount stated in said certificate; and in the event any part of the capital stock paid in

and certified shall be withdrawn and refunded to the stockholders without the consent of the general assembly, the directors ordering, causing, or allowing such withdrawal or reduction of capital stock shall be liable, jointly and severally, as traders in company, in case of the insolvency of said corporation at any period afterwards, for all debts owing by said corporation at the time of, or subsequently to, the reduction or diminution of the capital stock aforesaid.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect whenever the same has been assented to in writing, or at a meeting of the stockholders, legally warned for the purpose, shall have been approved by the stockholders owning a majority of the stock of said corporation.

SEC. 12. This act shall be subject to be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[81.]

INCORPORATING THE NEW HAVEN PEAT COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Massena Clark, Hoadley B. Ives, O. F. Winchester, John I. Goodrich, and Edward Malley, with all others who are or shall be associated with them, be, and they are hereby, with their successors and assigns, made and established a body politic and corporate, by the name of the New Haven Peat Company, for the purpose of manufacturing and preparing fuel from muck, peat, and other vegetable substances of every kind, in the most advantageous manner, and vending the same; and by that name they and their assigns and successors shall be and hereby are authorized and empowered to purchase goods, chattels, and effects, of whatever kind they may be, the better to enable them to carry on such business to advantage, and also to take, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy any such lands and tenements in this state and elsewhere as shall be necessary for the purposes of said corpora-

tion; and also to take and hold a lease or leases of lands containing peat and other vegetable and mineral substances, and all of said property to sell and dispose of at pleasure; also to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, answer and be answered unto in any court of record or elsewhere; and said corporation may have and use a common seal, and may alter and amend the same at their pleasure.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation to be two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with the privilege to increase to five hundred thousand dollars; and a share of said stock shall be fifty dollars, and shall be deemed and considered personal estate, and transferable only on the books of the company, and said company shall at all times have a lien upon the stock or property of the members thereof, for all debts due from them to said company.

SEC. 3. The stock, property, and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by not less than three nor more than nine directors, one of whom they shall appoint their president, who shall hold the office for one year; which directors shall be stockholders, and shall be annually elected at such time and place as the regulations of such corporation shall prescribe. A majority of the directors shall on all occasions, when met, constitute a board for the transaction of business, and a majority of the stockholders present at any legal meeting shall be capable of transacting the business of said meeting, each share entitling the owner thereof to one vote. After one hundred thousand dollars of the capital stock of the corporation shall have been subscribed, a meeting of the stockholders may be called by the said corporation, or any two of them, notice of the time and place of said meeting having been given two weeks previous thereto to all of the subscribers to the capital stock of said corporation, by forwarding to each of the said subscribers a written or printed notice of the time and place; and the said meeting and all subsequent meetings of the stockholders of said corporation shall be held in the town of New Haven, in which town the office of the company shall be located. Massena Clark, Hoadley B. Ives, O. F. Winchester,

John I. Goodrich, and Edward Malley shall be the first directors of said corporation.

SEC. 4. The president and directors for the time being, or a major part of them, shall have power to fill any vacancy which may happen in their board by death, resignation or otherwise during the current year, and to appoint and employ, from time to time, a secretary, treasurer, and such other officers, mechanics, and laborers as they may think proper, for the transaction of the business concerns of said company; and also to make and establish such by-laws, rules, and regulations as they shall think expedient for the better management of the concerns of said corporation, and the same to alter and repeal; *provided always*, that such by-laws, rules, and regulations be not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States.

SEC. 5. Said directors shall and may, as often as the interests of the stockholders shall require, and the affairs of said company will permit, declare a dividend or dividends of profits on each share, which shall be paid by the treasurer of said company.

SEC. 6. If it shall so happen that an election of directors should not take place in any year at the annual meeting of the corporation, the said corporation shall not for that reason be dissolved, but such election may be held thereafter on any convenient day, within one year, to be fixed on by the directors, they previously giving public notice thereof.

SEC. 7. The books of said company containing their accounts shall, at all reasonable times, be open for the inspection of the stockholders of the company, and the said corporation shall annually, in the month of January, make a certificate, containing the amount of their capital actually paid in; the amount invested in real estate, stating where the said real estate is situated, the quantity of said real estate, with a particular description of the same; also the amount invested in personal estate, stating particularly in what said personal estate consists; also the amount of their debts and credits at the time of making of such certificate, as nearly as the same can be ascer-

tained, with the name of each stockholder, and the number of shares held by him at the date of such certificate, which certificate shall be signed by the president and secretary of said company, and deposited with the town clerk of the town of New Haven, and the said certificate shall be made under the oath of the persons subscribing the same. And the amount of capital stock thus certified shall not be withdrawn so as to reduce the same below the amount stated in said certificate. And if the said president or secretary shall intentionally neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this section, they shall jointly and severally be liable for all debts of said corporation, contracted during the period of such neglect and refusal.

SEC. 8. The directors may call in the subscriptions to the capital stock by installments, in such proportion and at such times and places as they may think proper, giving such notice thereof as the by-laws and regulations of said company shall prescribe, and in case any stockholder shall neglect or refuse payment of such installment or installments, for the term of sixty days after the same shall become due and payable, and after he, she, or they have been notified thereof, such negligent stockholder or stockholders shall forfeit to said company all his, or her, or their previous installments, together with all his, or her, or their rights and interests whatsoever in said company.

SEC. 9. For debts that may at any time be due from said company, the stockholders thereof shall not be responsible in their private capacity, but the property and estate of said corporation only shall be liable; if the indebtedness of the company shall at any time exceed the amount of its capital stock, the directors of said company assenting thereto shall be personally liable and individually holden for such excess to the creditors of said company.

SEC. 10. The treasurer of said company, before being allowed to enter upon the duties of his office, shall give bonds to said company for the faithful discharge of his duty, in such an amount as the directors shall deem proper to secure the company against loss, and if said directors shall allow any person to act as treasurer of said company without having first

given bonds, as aforesaid, they and each of them shall be liable to pay to the stockholders of said company, out of their private estate, all losses that may accrue to said company in consequence of any neglect or misfeasance on the part of said treasurer.

SEC. 11. Said company shall have power to organize for the transaction of business when twenty-five thousand dollars of the capital stock of said company shall have been paid in.

SEC. 12. *Provided*, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to authorize and empower the said corporation to use their funds for any banking transactions; *and also provided*, that said company shall lodge a certificate with the town clerk of the town of New Haven, in New Haven county, containing the amount of capital stock actually paid in and belonging to said company; and the amount of capital stock thus certified shall not be withdrawn so as to reduce the same below the amount stated in said certificate; *provided also*, if any part of the capital stock paid in and certified shall be withdrawn without the consent of the general assembly, the directors ordering, causing, or allowing such withdrawal or reduction shall be liable jointly and severally, as traders in company, in case of the insolvency of said corporation at any period afterwards, for all debts owing by said corporation at the time of or subsequently to the reduction or diminution of the capital stock aforesaid.

SEC. 13. *And also provided*, that this grant shall be subject to be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[84.]

INCORPORATING THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF
MERIDEN.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Julius Pratt, Dennis C. Wilcox, Eli Butler, Hiram Foster, Charles Parker, Alden Clark, E. B. Everitt, William A. Bacon, Eli I. Merriam, Charles L. Kingsley, Erastus Hubbard, Edward H. Loomis, James H. Breckinridge, Alfred E. Camp, Levi Yale, Jr., and their associates and successors, be, and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the “Young Men’s Christian Association of Meriden,” and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be capable in law to purchase, receive, hold and convey all kinds of property, the annual income of which shall not exceed five thousand dollars; to establish, keep and maintain a library and reading room, and promote such other moral, literary and benevolent objects as it may think proper; may sue and be sued, defend and be defended, in all courts and places whatever; may have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at pleasure; may elect a president and such other officers as they may find necessary and convenient, and make and carry into effect such by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper to promote and secure the objects of the corporation, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of said corporation shall be held on the second day of July next, at one o’clock in the afternoon, at the rooms of the Home National Bank in said Meriden.

SEC. 3. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[89.]

INCORPORATING THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE OF NEW HAVEN.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Morris Tyler, Frederic J. Betts, S. Bryan Jerome, William A. Reynolds, Erastus C. Scranton, Minott A. Osborne, S. Noble Foster, Herrick P. Frost, Benjamin Noyes, William H. Bradley, Henry O. Hotchkiss, Wooster A. Ensign, and William Fitch, of the city and county of New Haven, and such other persons as are or may be hereafter associated with them, be, and hereby are, with their successors, constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of “The Merchants’ Exchange of New Haven,” and by that name they and their successors shall be and remain a body politic and corporate forever.

SEC. 2. Said corporation is formed to establish a public room in a convenient locality, and to supply it with newspapers, periodicals, bulletin boards, and the means of collecting the news of the day, of facilitating trade, manufactures and commerce, and of advancing the interests of the city of New Haven in its business relations.

SEC. 3. Said corporation may sue and be sued, and prosecute and defend suits in all courts; they may have and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure. They may also receive, take, hold and possess any estate, real or personal, by subscription, gift, grant, purchase or devise, in trust or otherwise, and the same improve, lease, exchange, or sell and convey; *provided*, that said corporation at no time hold real estate other than that in or upon which is located their public room aforesaid, of a greater value than one hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall have power to hold meetings, and to elect such officers and in such manner as their constitution and by-laws shall prescribe; and the present officers of the voluntary association, known by said corporate name, shall be the officers of said corporation hereby created until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 5. The constitution and by-laws of said voluntary association shall be the constitution and by-laws of said corporation, subject however to such alterations as said corporation may from time to time make therein; and said corporation shall have power to make all needful rules and regulations for the management and disposition of its property; and to make contracts relative to the objects of its institution; *provided*, that the same are not contrary to the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States.

SEC. 6. Upon the application of either party to any claim, or in any controversy submitted to the board of reference, as provided for in said constitution, any court in the city of New Haven, having authority to *subpœna* witnesses, may issue *subpœnas* to witnesses in the city of New Haven, to testify before said board of reference, and said court shall have the same power to compel the attendance of witnesses before said board of reference, as is by law invested in it to enforce the attendance of witnesses before itself. Witnesses shall be entitled to the same fees for attendance before the board of reference as they would be for attendance before the superior court.

SEC. 7. The chairman, for the time being, of the board of reference, shall have authority to administer oaths to the parties and to witnesses to be examined before the board; and any person examined before the board shall be liable to the like pains and penalties for perjury as if such perjury had been committed before a court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 8. Any members of the incorporation may submit to the board of reference any matters of controversy which might be the subject of an action at law or in equity, except claims of title to real estate, or to any interest therein; and may by the express terms of a written agreement for such submission, by them severally subscribed, stipulate that a judgment of the superior court shall be rendered upon the award to be made pursuant to such submission; and upon filing in the office of the clerk of the superior court in the city of New Haven, such submission and the award which shall have been made in writing, pursuant thereto, by a majority of the members of the

board of reference, subscribed by them respectively, the party in whose favor the award shall be made may have a judgment entered according to the award, by the superior court, upon motion therefor founded upon such submission, and award; which judgment may be enforced by said court like any judgment therein rendered in due course of law. Judgments entered in conformity with such awards shall not be subject to be removed, reversed or modified, or to be in any manner appealed from, by any party thereto, except for fraud, collusion, or corruption of said board of reference or of some member thereof.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect immediately. It may be amended, altered or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[90.]

CHANGING THE NAME OF THE "CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY"
TO THAT OF "THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF
CONNECTICUT."

Resolved by this Assembly, That the name of "The Christian Knowledge Society," a corporation heretofore constituted by this Assembly, be, and the same is hereby changed to that of "The Missionary Society of the Diocese of Connecticut," and that said corporation shall hereafter be known and called by the name last mentioned, and that said corporation, under said last mentioned name, shall be capable to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy all the rights, privileges, powers, and immunities appertaining by law to corporations; and that all the property and rights of property, both real and personal, in law and equity, now held, possessed, and enjoyed, or belonging to said corporation, in whatever name, manner, and form the same may have been given, received, or obtained by said corporation,

shall be, remain, and continue in said corporation, and be established therein under the name last aforesaid.

Approved, July 27th, 1866.

[92]

AUTHORIZING THE CONNECTICUT IRON WORKS TO REDUCE THEIR CAPITAL STOCK.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the Connecticut Iron Works, a joint stock corporation duly incorporated by the laws of this state, and located in the town of New Haven, in said state, be, and they hereby are, authorized to reduce the capital stock of said corporation, by a vote of their directors, from one hundred thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars, and the number of shares from four thousand to two thousand; *provided*, that said company shall not withdraw any portion of their capital stock until the present indebtedness of the company shall be fully paid.

SEC. 2. Before this resolution shall take effect, it shall be approved and accepted by a vote of three-fourths of the interest of the stockholders of the corporation present in a stockholders' meeting legally warned and held for that purpose, and a true copy of such vote, attested by the secretary of said company, shall be lodged with the secretary of state, and a like true and attested copy with the town clerk of said New Haven.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[107.]

REDUCING THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE LINDSAY FIRE ARMS COMPANY, AND CHANGING THE NAME OF SAID CORPORATION TO THAT OF THE "ELM CITY IRON WORKS."

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the directors of the Lindsay Fire Arms Company, a corporation organized and established by the legislature of this state, and located at New Haven, be, and they hereby are, authorized to reduce the capital stock of said corporation from five hundred thousand dollars to two hundred thousand dollars, and the number of shares in like proportion; *provided*, that said company shall not withdraw any portion of their capital stock until the present indebtedness of the company shall be fully paid.

SEC. 2. That the name of said corporation be hereby changed to the "Elm City Iron Works."

SEC. 3. Before this act shall take effect it shall be approved and accepted by a vote of three-fourths of the interest of the stockholders of the corporation present in a stockholders' meeting legally warned and held for that purpose, and a true copy of such vote, attested by the secretary of said corporation, shall be lodged with the secretary of state, and a like true and attested copy with the town clerk of said town of New Haven.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

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[118.]

INCORPORATING THE STAMFORD LYCEUM.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That F. G. Wheeler, M. F. Merritt, Thomas G. Ritch, James H. Olmstead, J. Smith Dodge, G. M. Plympton, R. B. Thurston, S. P. Halsey, E. A. Fuertes, H. M. Humphrey, B. J. Daskam, Charles T. DeForest,

Isaac Wardwell, and Charles W. Bond, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Stamford Lyceum," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be capable in law to purchase, receive, hold, and convey all kinds of property, the annual aggregate income whereof shall not exceed five thousand dollars; to establish, keep, and maintain a library and reading room, and promote such other literary and scientific objects as it may think proper; to sue and be sued, defend and be defended in all courts and places whatsoever; may have a common seal, and may change or alter the same at pleasure; may elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary and convenient; and make and carry into effect such by-laws and regulations as they may deem necessary to promote and secure the objects of the corporation.

SEC. 2. The first meeting of the Lyceum shall be holden in said Stamford, on or before the first day of October next, at such time and place as shall be designated by a majority of the persons above named, by notice in a newspaper published in said Stamford.

SEC. 3. This act shall be subject to be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[123.]

INCORPORATING THE TRUSTEES OF THE WARBURTON CHAPEL.

Whereas, Mary A. Warburton, George P. Bissell, Henry A. Perkins, James B. Hosmer, Calvin Day, Nelson Kingsbury, Samuel S. Ward, Edmund G. Howe, Francis B. Cooley, Joseph Church, Loyal Wilcox, Leonard Church, Lucius Barbour, Alfred Smith, James Root, and William W. Ellsworth, all of the city of Hartford, have voluntarily contributed and placed in the hands of Edward H. Perkins, to be by him

and places of holding all stated or special meetings of said trustees, and the notice that shall be given of holding the same, and in general may determine all matters and do all acts or things proper to be done or determined by said trustees for the purpose of carrying out the intentions of said donors in respect to said trust.

SEC. 3. The funds, property, and estate which may be granted to or held by said corporation for the uses hereinbefore expressed, shall, with the income thereof, be exempted from taxation.

SEC. 4. This act may be amended, altered or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[148.]

INCORPORATING "THE CONNECTICUT UNITED SERVICE CLUB."

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Edward Harland, Joseph R. Hawley, William H. Noble, William B. Wooster, Henry C. Deming, John M. Morris, James Hubbard, William H. Mallory, and the other members of the Connecticut United Service Club, consisting of citizens of Connecticut who have served in and been honorably discharged from the army and navy of the United States during the war of the late rebellion, and such other persons as may be hereafter associated with them, be, and hereby are, under the constitution and by-laws of said club, made a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Connecticut United Service Club, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend suits in the courts of this state, and may have and use a common seal, and the same alter at pleasure, and shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, and conveying real and personal estate for the use and benefit of said club, said real estate not to exceed at any one time more than twenty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the present officers of said club, and their successors at any time elected, shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead. This resolution may be amended, altered, or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[152.]

INCORPORATING THE ST. FRANCIS LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF WINSTED.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Leo da Saracena, L. Pacilio, Anaclete da Roccaorga, Edward da Fossombrone, Pampilo da Maglano, with their associates and successors, be, and are hereby constituted a body corporate, under the name of “St. Francis Literary and Theological Seminary of Winsted, Connecticut,” with full powers to receive, hold, and convey real and personal property, and to enjoy all other rights and franchises incident to incorporations by the laws of the state of Connecticut.

SEC. 2. That the object of this corporation shall be to provide religious services for the destitute, and to furnish instruction, both ecclesiastical and secular, for all who may desire it.

SEC. 3. That for such purposes said corporation may receive, by deed or will, any real or other property that may be given thereto, to an amount whose annual value, exclusive of the chapel building, shall not exceed the sum of six thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. That this corporation shall elect annually from among its members, such trustees, directors, or managers, and at such time and place as the by-laws may provide, who shall have the management of the affairs of such corporation, and a majority of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. That this corporation shall have power to make

such by-laws for its internal regulation as it may deem expedient, and to alter and amend the same; *provided*, that nothing therein contained shall be contrary to any law of the state of Connecticut.

SEC. 6. That this charter may at any time be altered, amended or repealed by the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[4.]

INCORPORATING THE HARTFORD ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly :—SEC. 1. That D. F. Seymour, Charles H. Northam, E. N. Kellogg, John A. Butler, C. M. Pond, Austin Dunham, E. H. Fenn, Hiram Bissell, Elisha T. Smith, William Hamersley, E. Thomas Lobdell, Stiles D. Sperry, Milo Hunt, John W. Danforth, Chester Adams, D. A. Rood, George Sexton, Joseph H. Sprague, H. W. Conklin, H. C. Beckwith, F. A. Marcy, C. C. Kimball, James B. Crosby, Julius Converse, H. C. Robinson, J. E. Coleman, Jacob Knous, John R. Buck, and all such persons as hereafter may become duly associated with them as stockholders, their successors and assigns forever, be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of the “Hartford Accident Insurance Company,” and by that name shall be and hereby are empowered to purchase, have, hold, possess and enjoy, to themselves and their successors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, effects, real and personal estate of every kind; and the same to sell, grant, alien, convey and dispose of; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of justice; to adopt and use a common seal, and the same to change at pleasure; and to enact and enforce such by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the well ordering and government of said corporation; *provided*, that such by-laws and

regulations be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state, or of the United States.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be not less than two hundred thousand dollars, and at any time hereafter may be increased by said corporation to any sum not exceeding one million dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; and each subscriber to said capital stock shall pay into the treasury of said corporation, at the time of subscribing, an installment of ten dollars on each share of stock by him subscribed; and within sixty days after the organization of said company shall secure the payment of the remaining ninety dollars on each share, either by such bonds or mortgages on real estate, or by such indorsed promissory notes as shall be approved of by two-thirds of the directors of said corporation; and the money so secured to be paid shall be payable in such installments, and at such times, as the directors may determine; and such endorsers shall have a lien on the stock for which such note or notes are given.

SEC. 3. The office of said company shall be located at Hartford, and all the affairs of said corporation shall be managed and controlled by a board of not less than seven directors, (the number of said directors to be determined by the by-laws of said company,) who shall be chosen from among and by the stockholders, which choice shall be made by a majority of the votes cast; and said directors shall hold office for one year, and until others are chosen in their stead; and the annual meetings for the choice of said directors shall, after the first election, be held at the city of Hartford, on the first Tuesday in May in each year, or on such other day in the month of May as shall be appointed by the by-laws of said corporation. In the choice of directors as aforesaid, each stockholder present, or represented by his attorney, shall be allowed one vote for each and every share of stock by him then held; and the stockholders may determine what number of directors may constitute a quorum for business.

SEC. 4. If it shall so happen that an election of directors of said corporation shall not take place at the time of the annual

meeting thereof, in any year, said corporation shall not be dissolved thereby, but an election may be had at any time within one year thereafter, the time to be fixed upon and notice given by the directors last chosen, and public notice by orders of the directors shall always be given at least ten days previous to any meeting of the stockholders, in a newspaper printed in Hartford, and in such other way as may be deemed expedient; and the president shall have power to call special meetings of the stockholders whenever thereto requested by a majority of the directors.

SEC. 5. The directors may, by a major vote, fill any vacancy which may occur in their board between the annual meetings of the stockholders, by choosing a director or directors from among the stockholders, who shall continue in office until a successor or successors shall be chosen; and the directors may choose a president and vice-president of their corporation from their own number, and a secretary, and may appoint such other officers, clerks and agents, and establish such agencies in this state and elsewhere, as they may deem necessary and convenient, fix their compensation, take bonds of any and all of them for the faithful performance of their duties, make such covenants and agreements as may be deemed necessary, and perform such other acts, and exercise such other powers as they shall deem expedient for the well ordering of the affairs of said company. The president and vice-president may hold their office for one year, and until others are chosen, but the other officers, agents and servants of said company may be displaced and new ones appointed at the pleasure of the directors. In the absence or disability of the president, the vice-president shall preside, and if both are absent or disabled, the directors shall choose a president *pro tempore*.

SEC. 6. Said corporation may insure persons against and make all and every insurance connected with accidental loss of life, or personal injury sustained by accident of every description, on such terms and conditions, and for such periods of time, and confined to such countries and such persons as shall be from time to time ordered and provided for by the by-laws

of said corporation ; and may make insurance based upon the lives of persons, and may make contracts upon any and all conditions appertaining to or connected with life risks ; and suits at law may be maintained by any stockholder or person insured by said company against said corporation, for losses or injuries insured against by said company, in accordance with the terms of the contract of insurance and the form of the policies issued by said company, if payment shall be withheld for more than thirty days after the same shall be and become payable by the terms of the policy of insurance or other contract, and after said corporation shall have been duly notified of such loss or injury ; and said policies of insurance and all other contracts of said company may be made with or without the common seal of said company, and shall be binding and obligatory on said corporation according to the true intent and meaning of such policies or contracts. No stockholder shall be responsible in his private capacity and estate for any debt or liability of said company, but in case of a violation of the charter, intentionally or of fraud, the person guilty thereof shall be personally liable to said corporation, or to the assured, as the case may be.

SEC. 7. To carry out the provisions of this act, and to organize the said corporation, Jasper H. Bolton, Stiles D. Sperry and E. Thomas Lobdell are authorized and appointed to receive subscriptions to the capital stock thereof, and the first installment thereon, and are authorized to close the subscription books of said company when the capital stock shall be fully subscribed, or in case that said capital stock shall be over subscribed, to distribute and apportion the same among the subscribers as the said persons so appointed as aforesaid to distribute may deem proper. And when the capital stock shall have been subscribed for, and the first installment has been paid thereon, and a notice published in some newspaper printed in Hartford three weeks before the time of meeting, the said subscribers may meet together at the time and place named in said notice, and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be necessary and convenient for commencing and carrying on

business under this act. They may also at the same or some subsequent time choose a board of directors in the manner hereinbefore provided, who shall hold their offices, with all the powers given to directors by this act, until others are chosen to supply their places. And when the by-laws have been adopted, and the directors have been chosen as aforesaid, and when the board of directors shall have been organized by the choice of a president and secretary, the said corporation may exercise all the powers and privileges conferred by this act.

SEC. 8. This resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage, and may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

[21.]

INCORPORATING THE HARTFORD LIVE STOCK INSURANCE COMPANY.

Upon the petition of J. W. Beach and others, praying for an act of incorporation :

Resolved by this Assembly :— SEC. 1. That J. Watson Beach, Edward W. Parsons, Guy R. Phelps, George D. Jewett, William Francis, Robert A. Johnson, Charles M. Pond, Oliver D. Seymour and William G. Allen, with all others that may become associated with them as stockholders, as hereinafter provided, and their successors, be, and they are hereby created a body corporate, for the purpose of live stock insurance and other purposes hereinafter mentioned, by the name of the Hartford Live Stock Insurance Company, and by that name are empowered to purchase, have, hold and enjoy lands, teneements, hereditaments, chattels, stocks, choses in action, and effects of every kind, and the same to sell, grant, demise, alien and convey; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of law and equity; to have and hold a common seal, and the same to

change at pleasure; and to ordain and put into execution by-laws and regulations, as they may deem proper for the well ordering of said corporation and the transaction of its business; *provided*, such by-laws and regulations be consistent with the laws of this state and of the United States.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be not less than one hundred thousand dollars, and may be increased by vote of the directors, at any time, to five hundred thousand dollars; the shares of the capital stock to be of the value of one hundred dollars each; upon which five dollars shall be paid upon each share at the time it is subscribed for, as hereinafter provided, and five dollars additional shall be paid upon each share of stock subscribed for, to said corporation, within thirty days from the time of the organization of said company, and the remaining ninety dollars per share shall, within sixty days from the organization of said company, be paid into the treasury of said corporation, or be secured to be paid, either by mortgage of real estate or by such endorsed promissory notes as shall be approved by the directors of said company.

SEC. 3. The capital stock of said company shall be transferable according to their by-laws; and if any subscriber to said stock shall fail to pay his subscription, or secure the same to be paid as aforesaid, for the space of thirty days after the same shall become due, and if upon the increase of the capital stock of said company any subscriber to the same shall fail to pay the installments as called for by the directors of said company, for the space of thirty days after the same shall become due, then said stock of such delinquent subscriber shall be sold by the directors at public auction, upon at least fifteen days' notice of such sale, by publication in some newspaper published in Hartford, and the proceeds of said sale shall be first applied to the expenses of said sale and payment of the installments due upon the stock, and the balance of proceeds, if any, shall be refunded to the owner of said stock. The delinquent stockholders may be notified in such way as the by-laws may provide, of the maturity of the installments. The stock sold in manner above provided for shall entitle the pur-

chaser to all the rights of a stockholder, to the extent of shares so purchased.

SEC. 4. The business of said corporation shall be insurance of live stock of all kinds ; and contracts of insurance may be made, providing for all risks, hazards and contingencies to which such insurance is applicable, and upon such conditions and for such periods of time as may be determined by said corporation ; and said company may procure such reinsurance of their risks as may be deemed desirable. Policies may be issued stipulated to be with or without participation in profits ; and all dividends which shall be allotted to such participating policies which are not claimed and called for within two years after the same shall have been declared, shall be forfeited to said company.

SEC. 5. The office of said company shall be located at Hartford, and its affairs shall be managed by not less than five nor more than eleven directors, (their number to be determined by the by-laws,) to be chosen by ballot from among and by the stockholders, a majority of which said directors shall be residents of this state ; which directors first chosen shall hold office until the second Wednesday in May, next ensuing the date of their election, and until others are chosen to supply their places. And the annual meetings for the choice of directors shall, after the first election, be holden at the city of Hartford on the second Wednesday in May, or on such other day in the month of May as shall be determined by the by-laws of said corporation. Each share of stock represented by the holder or his proxy shall be entitled to one vote in the choice of directors.

SEC. 6. If it shall so happen that a choice of directors shall not be made at the time of any annual meeting, said corporation shall not be thereby dissolved, but an election may be had within one year thereafter, at some time signified by the directors last chosen. Public notice by order of the directors shall always be given at least ten days previous to any meeting of the stockholders, in a newspaper printed at Hartford. The president may call a special meeting of the stockholders at the request of three of the directors.

SEC. 7. To carry out the provisions of this charter, and to organize the said corporation, George D. Jewett, Edward W. Parsons and J. Watson Beach, and in case of the death or disability of either of them, then any two of them are authorized and appointed to receive subscriptions to the capital stock thereof, and the payment of the first installment thereon, and when one thousand shares of said stock shall have been subscribed for, and the first installment has been paid thereon, upon the call of said Jewett, Parsons and Beach, (or in case of the death or disability of one of them, of the other two,) by notice published in a newspaper printed in Hartford, ten days before the time of said meeting, the subscribers may meet at the time and place named in said call, and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations as they may deem proper, in compliance with this act; and said subscribers may at said meeting elect a board of directors in the manner aforesaid, to hold office as above provided; and when the by-laws have been adopted, and the board of directors have been organized, by the choice of a president and secretary, the said corporation may exercise all the power conferred by this act.

SEC. 8. The directors may choose a president, vice-president and secretary, and appoint such other officers, clerks and agents, and establish such agencies in this state and elsewhere as shall be by them deemed advisable for conducting the business of said company; fix their compensation, and take bonds of any and all of them for the faithful discharge of their duties, and may make such contracts and agreements as may be deemed necessary, and such contracts and agreements, signed either by the president or secretary, shall be binding on said company. The president and vice-president shall be chosen from the board of directors, and may hold their appointments for one year, and until others are chosen in their places; the other officers and employees of said company may be removed and new ones appointed at the pleasure of the directors. In the absence or disability of the president and vice-president, the directors may choose a president *pro tempore*; and in case a vacancy occurs

in the board of directors, the remaining directors may fill such vacancy.

SEC. 9. All policies or other contracts of insurance authorized by this act may be made with or without the seal of said corporation, and shall be signed by the president or vice-president and the secretary, and when so signed and executed shall be binding and obligatory upon said corporation, according to the true intent and meaning of said policies and contracts. No stockholder shall be responsible in his private capacity and estate for any debt or liability of said company.

SEC. 10. The capital stock, acquired moneys and personal estate of said corporation, may be invested at the discretion of the directors, in real estate, in loans upon real estate, in bonds and mortgages, in loans upon or purchase of United States notes and bonds, bank stocks, or bonds issued by states, or by municipal or other corporations, or may be loaned upon endorsed promissory notes not having more than twelve months to run; and the same may be called in and reinvested under the provisions of this act. And it shall be the duty of said corporation to make an annual report to the general assembly, containing a full and accurate statement of its condition and affairs.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect from the day of its passage, and may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[24.]

AUTHORIZING THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW HAVEN TO
INCREASE THEIR CAPITAL STOCK.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Home Insurance Company of New Haven are hereby authorized at any time hereafter, or from time to time, to increase their capital stock to any

amount they may deem proper, not exceeding in the whole, including the amount they now have, the sum of three millions of dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each ; *provided*, that so much of said increase as may at any time be made from the surplus earnings of said company, shall be divided *pro rata* among the persons who may be stockholders at the time or times when such addition or additions shall be made.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[32.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Upon the petition of the Railway Passengers Assurance Company, of Hartford :

Resolved by this Assembly :— SEC. 1. That the annual meeting for the choice of directors of said company shall, after the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, be holden at the city of Hartford on the second Tuesday of July, or such other day in the month of July in each year as may be determined by the by-laws of said corporation.

SEC. 2. That the Railway Passengers Assurance Company be, and the same are, hereby authorized and empowered to insure persons against loss of life or personal injury resulting from any cause, and providing for all risks, hazards, guarantees and contingencies to which life insurance is applicable, and such insurance, when stipulated in the policy, may be made with or without participation in profits.

SEC. 3. It shall be competent for said company to reinsure any and all risks taken under its charter, and upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the directors.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[47.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TRAVELLERS' INSURANCE COMPANY.

Upon the petition of the Travellers' Insurance Company of Hartford:—

Resolved by this Assembly:— SEC. 1. That the annual meeting for the choice of directors of said company shall, after the year 1866, be holden at the city of Hartford, on the first Tuesday of July in each year, or such other day in the month of July as may be determined by the by-laws of said corporation.

SEC. 2. That the Travellers' Insurance Company be, and the same is hereby empowered to confer endowments, grant and purchase annuities upon such conditions and for such periods of time as may be determined by said corporation. The policies of said company may be issued for the benefit of and payable to married women, and all contracts of insurance, thus beneficial to married women, whether made with said married women or with other persons in their behalf, shall be, if so expressed in the policy, the sole and separate estate of said married women, and may be made payable, at the maturity of said policies, in case of previous death of said married women, to their children, and the discharge of such policies by said married women, or their assigns and their children, (or their guardians if minors,) in case of the death of said married women, shall be a valid discharge of said contracts.

SEC. 3. Said company may issue policies, stipulated to be with or without participation in profits, and all dividends allotted to such participating policies, which shall not be claimed and called for within two years after the same shall have been declared, shall be forfeited to said company.

SEC. 4. It shall be competent for said company to reinsure any and all risks taken under its charter, and upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the directors.

SEC. 5. Said company may from time to time invest, collect, and reinvest the whole or any portion of its capital and

surplus funds, in any bonds or stocks of the United States, or of any of the states of the Union, or of any corporations which are or may be created under authority of the United States, or of any of said states.

Approved, June 6th, 1866.

[82.]

INCORPORATING THE NEW HAVEN COUNTY LIVE STOCK INSURANCE COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly :— SEC. 1. That Tilton E. Doolittle, Hoadley B. Ives, John M. Lines, Dwight N. Clark, David J. Stiles, Zera Fairman, Willis B. Hemingway, and Edward Malley, with all others that may become associated with them, as stockholders, as hereinafter provided, and their successors, be, and they are hereby created a body corporate for the purpose of live stock insurance and other purposes hereinafter mentioned, by the name of the New Haven County Live Stock Insurance Company, and by that name are empowered to purchase, have, hold, and enjoy lands, tenements, hereditaments, chattels, stocks, choses in action, and effects of every kind, and the same to sell, grant, demise, alien, and convey; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and equity; to have and hold a common seal, and the same to change at pleasure; and to ordain and put into execution by-laws and regulations, as they may deem proper, for the well ordering of said corporation and the transaction of its business; *provided*, such by-laws and regulations be consistent with the laws of this state and of the United States.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be not less than one hundred thousand dollars, and may be increased by a vote of the directors at any time to five hundred thousand dollars. The shares of the capital stock to be of the amount of one hundred dollars each, upon which five dollars shall be

paid upon each share at the time it is subscribed for, as herein-after provided, and five dollars additional shall be paid upon each share of stock subscribed for to said corporation within thirty days from the time of the organization of said company, and the remaining ninety dollars per share shall, within sixty days from the organization of said company, be paid into the treasury of said corporation, or be secured to be paid, either by mortgage of real estate, or by such endorsed promissory notes as shall be approved by the directors of said company.

SEC. 3. The capital stock of said company shall be transferable according to their by-laws; and if any subscriber to said stock shall fail to pay his subscription, or secure the same to be paid as aforesaid, for the space of thirty days after the same shall become due, and if, upon the increase of the capital stock of said company, any subscriber to the same shall fail to pay the installments as called for by the directors of said company, for the space of thirty days after the same shall become due, then the said stock of such delinquent subscriber shall be sold by the directors at public auction, upon at least fifteen days' notice of such sale, by publication in some newspaper published in New Haven, and the proceeds of said sale shall be first applied to the expenses of said sale and payment of the installments due upon the stock, and the balance of proceeds, if any, shall be refunded to the owner of said stock. The delinquent stockholders may be notified in such way as the by-laws may provide, of the maturity of the installments. The stock sold in manner above provided for, shall entitle the purchaser to all the rights of a stockholder to the extent of shares so purchased.

SEC. 4. The business of said corporation shall be insurance of live stock of all kinds; and contracts of insurance may be made, providing for all risks, hazards, and contingencies to which such insurance is applicable, and upon such conditions and for such periods of time as may be determined by said corporation; and said company may procure such reinsurance of their risks as may be deemed desirable. Policies may be issued, stipulated to be with or without participation in profits; and all

dividends which shall be allotted to such participating policies which are not claimed and called for within two years after the same shall have been declared, shall be forfeited to said company.

SEC. 5. The office of said company shall be located at New Haven, and its affairs shall be managed by not less than five nor more than eleven directors, their number to be determined by the by-laws, to be chosen by ballot, from among and by the stockholders, a majority of which said directors shall be residents of this state; which directors first chosen shall hold office until the second Wednesday in May, next ensuing the date of their election, and until others are chosen to supply their places. And the annual meetings for the choice of directors shall, after the first election, be holden at the city of New Haven, on the second Wednesday in May, or on such other day in the month of May as shall be determined by the by-laws of said corporation. Each share of stock represented by the holder or his proxy, shall be entitled to one vote in the choice of directors.

SEC. 6. If it shall so happen that a choice of directors shall not be made at the time of any annual meeting, said corporation shall not be thereby dissolved, but an election may be had within one year thereafter, at some time signified by the directors last chosen. Public notice by order of the directors shall always be given at least ten days previous to any meeting of the stockholders, in a newspaper printed at New Haven. The president may call a special meeting of the stockholders at the request of three of the directors.

SEC. 7. To carry out the provisions of this charter, and to organize the said corporation, Tilton E. Doolittle, Hoadley B. Ives, and Dwight N. Clark, and in case of the death or disability of either of them, then any two of them, are authorized and appointed to receive subscriptions to the capital stock thereof, and the payment of the first installment thereon, and when one thousand shares of said stock shall have been subscribed for, and the first installment has been paid thereon; upon the said Doolittle, Ives, and Clark, (or in case of the death or disability of one of them, of the other two,) by notice

published in a newspaper printed in New Haven, ten days before the time of said meeting, the subscribers may meet at the time and place named in said call, and adopt such by-laws, rules, and regulations as they may deem proper, in compliance with this act ; and said subscribers may, at said meeting, elect a board of directors, in the manner aforesaid, to hold office as above provided ; and when the by-laws have been adopted, and the board of directors have been organized, by the choice of a president and secretary, the said corporation may exercise all the power conferred by this act.

SEC. 8. The directors may choose a president, vice-president, and secretary, and appoint such other officers, clerks, and agents, and establish such agencies in this state and elsewhere as shall be by them deemed advisable for conducting the business of said company ; fix their compensation, and take bonds of any and all of them for the faithful discharge of their duties, and may make such contracts and agreements as may be deemed necessary, and such contracts and agreements, signed either by the president or secretary, shall be binding on said company. The president and vice-president shall be chosen from the board of directors, and may hold their appointments for one year, and until others are chosen in their place. The other officers and employees of said company may be removed, and new ones appointed at the pleasure of the directors. In the absence or disability of the president and vice-president, the directors may choose a president *pro tempore* ; and in case a vacancy occurs in the board of directors, the remaining directors may fill such vacancy.

SEC. 9. All policies or other contracts of insurance authorized by this act may be made with or without the seal of said corporation, and shall be signed by the president or vice-president and the secretary, and when so signed and executed shall be binding and obligatory upon said corporation, according to the true intent and meaning of said policies and contracts. No stockholder shall be responsible in his private capacity and estate for any debt or liability of said company.

SEC. 10. The capital stock, acquired moneys, and personal

estate of said corporation, may be invested at the discretion of the directors, in real estate, in loans upon real estate, in bonds and mortgages, in loans upon or purchase of United States notes and bonds, bank stocks, or bonds issued by states, or by municipal corporations, or may be loaned upon endorsed pro-missory notes not having more than twelve months to run; and the same may be called in and reinvested under the provisions of this act. And it shall be the duty of said corporation to make an annual report to the general assembly, containing a full and accurate statement of its condition and affairs.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect from the day of its passage, and may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[91.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE NOAH WEBSTER INSURANCE COMPANY, AND CHANGING THE NAME OF THE SAME TO THE "ELM CITY INSURANCE COMPANY."

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the charter of the Noah Webster Insurance Company, a corporation organized and established by the legislature of this state, be amended by striking out the names of Leverett Candee and Frederick Croswell, two of the corporators thereof, and by adding the names of Erastus C. Scranton, Andrew L. Kidston, Daniel Trowbridge, Amos F. Barnes, Douglass R. Satterlee, and John Woodruff to the list of those constituting said corporation.

SEC. 2. That the name of said "Noah Webster Insurance Company" be changed to the "Elm City Insurance Company."

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[96.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CONTINENTAL LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Continental Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to increase their capital stock, by adding to the same six thousand shares of the par value of twenty-five dollars each, in such form and manner as the directors of said company shall determine. Every person who may be a stockholder at the time when such addition shall be made, shall be entitled to a *pro rata* share of said addition, to be subscribed for, or taken by him, under and in pursuance of such regulations as may be adopted by the directors. *Provided,* that should any stockholder neglect or refuse to accept said stock in the manner prescribed, the same may be sold by order of the directors for the benefit of said company. All portions of the original act incorporating said company, inconsistent with this resolution, are hereby repealed. This resolution shall take effect whenever approved at a meeting of the stockholders legally warned for that purpose.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[111.]

INCORPORATING "THE AMERICAN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY."

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Daniel Trowbridge, Judson Canfield, William Lewis, Willis Bristol, John B. Robertson, Lucius R. Finch, Jesse W. Benedict, Cyrus P. Smith, N. D. Sperry and Benjamin Noyes, and such other persons as may be hereafter duly associated with them, their successors and assigns forever, be, and they are hereby consti-

tuted a body politic and corporate by the name of "The American National Life Insurance Company," and by that name shall be, and are hereby empowered to purchase, receive, hold, possess and enjoy to themselves and their successors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods, chattels, stocks, bonds, choses in action, real and personal estate of every description, necessary for the uses and purposes of said company, or acquired in the transaction of their business, and also to sell, convey, grant, alien or dispose of the same, and to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of justice; to adopt and use a common seal, and to change the same at pleasure; and to make, adopt and carry into effect such by-laws, rules and regulations as they may from time to time deem necessary for the ordering and conducting the business of said company; *provided*, that such by-laws and regulations be not repugnant to this act, to the constitution and laws of this state, or of the United States.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said company shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars, and may at any time hereafter be increased, at the pleasure of the directors of said company, to not exceed in all five hundred thousand dollars; said stock shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; and the subscribers to the capital stock shall pay to the treasurer of said company the amount subscribed for, in such installments as the directors shall order and direct, and in case any subscriber shall neglect for thirty days to pay any one of his said installments as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the directors to sell such stockholder's stock, and transfer the same to the purchaser.

SEC. 3. The affairs of said company shall be managed and controlled by a board of not less than ten directors, a majority of whom shall be citizens of this state, and they shall be elected by ballot, solely from the stockholders, which choice shall be made by a majority of the stockholders present in person at the annual meetings of said company, which meetings shall be held in the city of New Haven on the third Wednesday of February, or within one month from said day, as shall be designated by the directors, and any vacancy which shall occur in

the board of directors, by death or resignation, may be filled, until the next annual meeting, by the remaining directors. All annual and special meetings shall be advertised in one or more of the daily newspapers published in the town of New Haven for three days prior to the day of said meeting, and all directors and officers, except in case of death or resignation, shall hold office until others are duly elected.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the directors to elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and to appoint such clerks, assistants and agents as they may deem expedient, and to fix their compensation respectively. Special meetings of the stockholders may be called by the president, or by three directors, or by ten stockholders uniting in such a call.

SEC. 5. It shall be lawful for said company to contract for reversionary payments, and generally to make all kinds of contracts or policies, in which the casualties of life are principally involved ; to receive, hold and manage money or other property in trust ; to accumulate the same at interest, or to allow and pay such rate of interest as shall accrue from the investments so held, not exceeding the rate derived therefrom ; to accept of, and execute any and all trusts which may be committed to them by any court or persons or person whatsoever, and to assume or to reinsure any risks involving the casualties of life, either separately or otherwise, as shall be deemed expedient, and it shall be lawful for the board of directors to issue such policies, and to make such contracts or agreements, on the plan of mutual insurance, and upon the plan of non-participation in the profits of the business of said company, as shall be agreed when such policies are issued and such contracts or agreements are made ; and said company may charge and collect for the management of any trust assumed by them, a reasonable sum or percentage, according to the nature thereof, and the labor involved ; and it shall be lawful for said company to issue their policies to, and make their contracts or agreements with any person, for the sole use and benefit of any other person or persons, and if by death or for any other reason the same shall become due and payable, the said amounts

or amount shall be paid according to the terms and tenor of such policy, contract or agreement, and the same shall be free from the claims or demands of all other persons. All such policies, agreements and contracts shall be signed by the president and secretary.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the board of directors to cause to be made annually, in the month of January, or immediately thereafter, a statement of their affairs, showing the income, losses and disbursements for the year preceding, and if it shall appear that a dividend has been earned to the shareholders, or to such persons as are insured on the principle of mutual insurance, it shall be lawful for said directors to declare to such shareholders, and to the holders of mutual policies, such dividends from the profits realized as shall be just and equitable; and said directors may also in the month of July, in each year, declare a dividend to the shareholders, in case the profits of the company will warrant; each and every dividend declared by the directors shall be payable in cash, or scrip, or in stock, or in new policies of insurance, or be added to old ones, as shall from time to time be determined by the directors when such dividends are declared.

SEC. 7. The capital stock and the accumulations of said company may be invested in mortgages upon real estate worth double the amount loaned, or in United States government securities, bank stock, railroad bonds, city, town, and state bonds, or may be loaned to individuals upon such collateral securities as the board of directors shall deem satisfactory and secure; and said company shall make annual report to the legislature of the state of the condition and affairs of said company.

SEC. 8. This resolve may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[113.]

INCORPORATING THE BRIDGEPORT ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Clapp Spooner, William H. Perry, Egbert Marsh, George W. Bacon, J. F. Hanford, William G. Lineburgh, Ira Sherman, Stephen J. Patterson, Henry T. Shelton, Samuel C. Trubee, S. H. Wales, Elias Howe, Jr., Frederick Wood, Abel C. Thomas, Nathaniel Wheeler, William E. Seeley, Frederick H. Lyon, Robert T. Clarke, George B. Waller, Jacob Kiefer, D. W. Thompson, Russell Tomlinson, Monson Hawley, David F. Hollister, P. T. Barnum, William D. Bishop, Francis Ives, Henry R. Panott, Edward W. Marsh, and all such persons as hereafter may become duly associated with them as stockholders, their successors and assigns forever, be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of the “Bridgeport Accident Insurance Company,” and by that name shall be, and hereby are empowered to purchase, have, hold, possess and enjoy, to themselves and their successors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, effects, real and personal estate of every kind; and the same to sell, grant, alien, convey and dispose of; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of justice; to adopt and use a common seal, and the same to change at pleasure, and to enact and enforce such by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the well ordering and government of said corporation; *provided*, that such by-laws and regulations be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state, or of the United States.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be not less than two hundred thousand dollars; and at any time hereafter may be increased by said corporation to any sum not exceeding one million dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; and each subscriber to said capital stock shall pay into the treasury of said corporation, at the time of subscribing, an installment of ten dollars on each share of stock by him subscribed; and within sixty days after the

organization of said company, shall secure the payment of the remaining ninety dollars on each share, either by such bonds and mortgage, on real estate, or by such endorsed promissory notes as shall be approved of by two-thirds of the directors of said corporation ; and the money so secured to be paid shall be payable in such installments and at such times as the directors may determine ; and such endorsers shall have a lien on the stock for which such note or notes are given.

SEC. 3. The office of said company shall be located at Bridgeport, and all the affairs of said corporation shall be managed and controlled by a board of not less than seven directors, (the number of said directors to be determined by the by-laws of said company,) who shall be chosen from among and by the stockholders, which choice shall be made by a majority of the votes cast ; and said directors shall hold office for one year, and until others are chosen in their stead ; and the annual meetings for the choice of said directors shall, after the first election, be held at the city of Bridgeport, on the first Tuesday in May in each year, or on such other day in the month of May as shall be appointed by the by-laws of said corporation. In the choice of directors as aforesaid, each stockholder present, or represented by his attorney, shall be allowed one vote for each and every share of stock by him then held ; and the stockholders may determine what number of directors may constitute a quorum for business.

SEC. 4. If it shall so happen that an election of directors of said corporation shall not take place at the time of the annual meeting thereof in any year, said corporation shall not be dissolved thereby, but an election may be had at any time within one year thereafter, the time to be fixed upon and notice given by the directors last chosen, and public notice by orders of the directors shall always be given at least ten days previous to any meeting of the stockholders, in a newspaper printed in Bridgeport, and in such other way as may be deemed expedient ; and the president shall have power to call special meetings of the stockholders whenever thereto requested by a majority of the directors.

SEC. 5. The directors may, by a major vote, fill any vacancy which may occur in their board between the annual meetings of the stockholders, by choosing a director or directors from among the stockholders, who shall continue in office until a successor or successors shall be chosen; and the directors may choose a president and vice-president of their corporation from their own number, and a secretary, and may appoint such other officers, clerks, and agents, and establish such agencies in this state and elsewhere, as they may deem necessary and convenient, fix their compensation, take bonds of any and all of them for the faithful performance of their duties, make such covenants and agreements as may be deemed necessary, and perform such other acts and exercise such other powers as they shall deem expedient for the well ordering of the affairs of said company. The president and vice-president may hold their office for one year, and until others are chosen; but the other officers, agents, and servants of said company may be displaced, and new ones appointed at the pleasure of the directors. In the absence or disability of the president, the vice-president shall preside; and if both are absent or disabled, the directors shall choose a president *pro tempore*.

SEC. 6. Said corporation may insure persons against and make all and every insurance connected with accidental loss of life or personal injury sustained by accident of every description, on such terms and conditions, and for such periods of time, and confined to such countries and such persons as shall be from time to time ordered and provided for by the by-laws of said corporation, and may make insurance based upon the lives of persons, and may make contracts upon any and all conditions appertaining to or connected with life risks; and suits at law may be maintained by any stockholder or person insured by said company against said corporation for losses or injuries insured against by said company, in accordance with the terms of the contract of insurance and the form of the policies issued by said company, if payment shall be withheld for more than thirty days after the same shall be and become payable by the terms of the policy of insurance or other contract, and

after said corporation shall have been duly notified of such loss or injury ; and said policies of insurance and all other contracts of said company may be made with or without the common seal of said company, and shall be binding and obligatory on said corporation according to the true intent and meaning of such policies or contracts. No stockholder shall be responsible in his private capacity and estate for any debt or liability of said company ; but in case of a violation of the charter, intentionally, or of fraud, the person guilty thereof shall be personally liable to said corporation or to the assured, as the case may be.

SEC. 7. To carry out the provisions of this act, and to organize the said corporation, Nathaniel Wheeler, P. T. Barnum, and Francis Ives are authorized and appointed to receive subscriptions to the capital stock thereof, and the first installment thereon ; and are authorized to close the subscription books of said company when the capital stock shall be fully subscribed, or in case that said capital stock shall be over-subscribed, to distribute and apportion the same among the subscribers as the said persons so appointed as aforesaid to distribute may deem proper. And when the capital stock shall have been subscribed for, and the first installment has been paid thereon, and a notice published in some newspaper printed in Bridgeport three weeks before the time of meeting, the said subscribers may meet together at the time and place named in said notice, and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be necessary and convenient for commencing and carrying on business under this act. They may also at the same or some subsequent time choose a board of directors in the manner hereinbefore provided, who shall hold their offices, with all the powers given to directors by this act, until others are chosen to supply their places. And when the by-laws have been adopted, and the directors have been chosen as aforesaid, and when the board of directors shall have been organized by the choice of a president and secretary, the said corporation may exercise all the powers and privileges conferred by this act.

SEC. 8. This resolution shall take effect from the date of its

passage, and may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[144.]

INCORPORATING THE HARTFORD STEAM BOILER INSPECTION AND INSURANCE COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That E. N. Kellogg, John A. Butler, Henry Kellogg, T. C. Allen, Elisha T. Smith, Charles M. Beach, and all others who may become associated with them as stockholders, as hereinafter provided, their successors and assigns forever be, and they hereby are created and made a body corporate and politic, for inspecting steam boilers, and for insuring against loss or damage to property arising from explosions or other accident in the use of steam boilers, by the name of The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, and by that name shall be and hereby are empowered to purchase, have, hold, possess and enjoy to themselves and their successors, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, and effects of every kind; and the same to grant, alien, sell, invest, and dispose of, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of justice, to have and use a common seal, and the same to change, alter and renew at pleasure, and to ordain and put into execution such by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the well ordering and government of said corporation and the transaction of its business; *provided*, they be not repugnant to the laws of the United States or of this state, or to the provisions of this act of incorporation.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be not less than two hundred thousand dollars, and may be at any time hereafter increased by said company to any sum not exceeding one million dollars, and shall be divided into shares of

one hundred dollars each; and there shall be paid into the treasury of said corporation by each subscriber to said capital stock at the time of subscribing for the same, an installment of ten dollars on each share of stock by him subscribed for, and a further installment of ten dollars on each share shall be paid within sixty days after the organization of said company; and the remainder of said shares so subscribed for shall, within sixty days after the organization of said company, be secured to be paid either by bonds and mortgage on real estate, or by such endorsed promissory notes as shall be approved of by the directors of said corporation and two-thirds of the corporators herein named, and shall be payable in such installments and at such times as the directors may determine, and such endorsers shall have a lien on the stock for which such note or notes are given.

SEC. 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall be transferable according to the rules and regulations of the company, and if any subscriber of any share or shares of said stock shall neglect or refuse to pay the installments as aforesaid, or to secure the payment of the residue of the stock by him subscribed as aforesaid, for the space of sixty days after the same shall have become due or required, and after he or they have been notified thereof, the stock of such negligent stockholder shall be sold by the directors at public auction, giving at least twenty days' notice thereof in some newspaper published in Hartford, and the proceeds of said sale shall be first applied in payment of the installments called and the expenses attending the sale, and the balance, if any, shall be refunded to the owner of said stock, and such sale shall in all respects entitle the purchaser to all the rights of a stockholder to the extent of the shares so bought.

SEC. 4. The business of said corporation shall be the inspection of steam boilers and insuring against loss or damage to property arising from explosions, or other accident in the use of steam boilers, and from fire resulting from such explosions, and contracts may be made for inspection and insurance, or for either, on such terms and conditions and for such periods of

time as shall be from time to time ordered and provided for by the by-laws of said corporation.

SEC. 5. The office of said company shall be located in Hartford, and the stock, property and affairs of said corporation shall be managed and conducted by not less than seven nor more than seventeen directors, (the number of said directors to be determined by the by-laws of said corporation,) to be chosen by ballot from among and by the stockholders, which directors first chosen shall hold their offices until the next ensuing annual meeting of said corporation, and until others are chosen to supply their places; and all meetings of said corporation shall be held at the city of Hartford, at such times as shall be determined by the by-laws of said corporation. In the choice of directors as aforesaid, each stockholder present or represented by his attorney shall be allowed one vote for each and every share of stock by him then held, and none but stockholders shall be eligible to the office of director; and the stockholders may determine what number of directors may constitute a quorum for business.

SEC. 6. If it shall so happen that an election of directors of said corporation shall not take place at the time of the annual meeting thereof in any year, said corporation shall not be dissolved thereby, but an election may be had at any time within one year thereafter, the time to be fixed upon and notice given by the directors last chosen. And public notice, by order of the directors, shall always be given at least ten days previous to any meeting of the stockholders, in a newspaper printed in Hartford, and in such other way as may be deemed expedient; and the president shall have power to call special meetings of the stockholders whenever thereto requested by a majority of the directors.

SEC. 7. To carry out the provisions of this act, and to organize the said corporation, Charles M. Beach, John A. Butler and Richard W. H. Jarvis, of Hartford, are authorized and appointed to receive subscriptions to the capital stock thereof and the first installment thereon, and as such are hereby authorized to close the subscription books of said company when the said

capital stock shall be fully subscribed ; or in case that said capital stock shall be over-subscribed, to distribute and apportion the same among the subscribers, as the said persons so appointed as aforesaid to distribute may deem proper. And when the capital stock shall have been subscribed for, and the first installment has been paid thereon, by a notice published in some newspaper printed in Hartford three weeks before the time of meeting, the said subscribers may meet together at the time and place named in said call, and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be necessary and convenient for commencing and carrying on business under this act. They may also at the same or some subsequent time choose a board of directors in the manner hereinbefore provided, who shall hold their offices, with all the powers given to directors by this act, until others are chosen to supply their places. And when the by-laws have been adopted, and the directors have been chosen as aforesaid, and when the board of directors shall have been organized by the choice of a president and secretary, the said corporation may exercise all the powers and privileges conferred by this act.

SEC. 8. The directors may choose a president, vice-president and secretary of their corporation, and appoint such other officers, clerks and agents, and establish such agencies in this state and elsewhere as shall be by them deemed advisable for conducting the business of the company, fix their compensation, and take bonds for any and all of them for the faithful performance of their duties, and make such covenants and agreements as may be deemed necessary. The president and vice-president shall be chosen from among the directors, and may hold their appointments for one year, and until others are chosen ; but the other officers and servants of said company may be displaced and new ones appointed at the pleasure of the directors. In the absence or disability of the president, the vice-president shall preside, and if both are absent or disabled the directors may choose a president *pro tempore*; and in case any vacancy shall occur in the board of directors the remaining directors may choose a director or directors from among the

stockholders to fill such vacancy, who shall hold the appointment until others are chosen in their places.

SEC. 9. All policies of insurance, or other contracts authorized by this act, may be made with or without the seal of said corporation, and shall be binding and obligatory upon said corporation according to the true intent and meaning of such policies and contracts.

SEC. 10. The capital stock, moneys and personal estate of said corporation may be invested at the discretion of the directors, either in loans upon bonds and mortgages upon real estate, or in United States stocks, bank stocks, or stock or bonds created by any state, or of corporations created by this state, and the same may be called in and reinvested at pleasure, under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 11. Suits at law may be maintained by any stockholder or person insured by said company against said corporation for losses or injuries insured against by said company, if payment shall be withheld more than thirty days after the same shall be due and payable by the terms of the policy of insurance or other contract, and after the said corporation shall have been duly notified of such injury or loss.

SEC. 12. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly, and nothing contained therein shall be so construed as to authorize said company to engage in the business of banking.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

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INCORPORATING THE LITCHFIELD COUNTY NEAT CATTLE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That George M. Woodruff, William F. Baldwin, Philip S. Beebe and Royal A. Ford of Litchfield, Leman W. Cutler of Watertown, A. N.

Baldwin of New Milford, Lewis Catlin of Harwinton, Robbins Battell and Samuel D. Northway of Norfolk, and Richard Griswold of Torrington, and all others who may become associated with them as members, as hereinafter provided, and their successors, be, and they are hereby created a body corporate, by the name of the "Litchfield County Neat Cattle Mutual Insurance Company," for the purpose of the insurance of their neat cattle against loss occasioned by death from disease, accident, or other cause, except fraud or design in the insured, and by that name may sue or be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of law and equity; may have a common seal, and the same change at pleasure, and may ordain and put into execution all such by-laws, rules and regulations as shall be necessary and convenient for the government of said company and the proper management of its concerns, not repugnant to the laws of this state and the United States. The said company may purchase and hold such real and personal estate as may be necessary to secure the purposes of its incorporation, and the same sell and convey at pleasure.

SEC. 2. All persons who shall at any time become interested in said company by insuring therein, and also their respective heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, shall be deemed and taken to be members thereof during the terms specified in their respective policies and no longer, and shall be included and bound by the provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. The office of said company shall be at Litchfield, and there shall be a meeting of said company at Litchfield some time during the month of July annually, at which meeting there shall be chosen a board of directors of not more than nine or less than five members, who shall continue in office one year, and until others are chosen in their stead, a majority of which board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Special meetings of the company may be called by the directors in such manner as the by-laws may prescribe. The said directors shall choose a president from their own number, and shall have power to appoint a secretary and treasurer,

and such other officers and agents as to them may seem necessary, and fix their compensation.

SEC. 4. Any person who shall become a member of said company by effecting insurance therein shall, before he receives his policy, deposit his promissory note for such sum of money as shall be determined by the directors, a part of which note, also determined by the directors, shall be paid, and the remainder of said note shall be payable in part or the whole at any time when the directors shall deem the same requisite for the payment of losses or expenses; and at the expiration of the term of insurance, the said note, or such part of the same as shall remain unpaid after deducting all losses and expenses occurring during said term, shall be relinquished and given up to the signer thereof.

SEC. 5. The said company may make insurance at such rates as they may determine, and for a term not exceeding two years, and any policy of insurance issued by said company, signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary, shall be deemed valid and binding on said company according to the true intent and meaning of such policy.

SEC. 6. Any assessment made by the said company under the provisions of the fourth section of this act shall be made ratably upon the deposit notes held by the said company.

SEC. 7. George M. Woodruff, William F. Baldwin and Philip S. Beebe, or either two of them, may call the first meeting of the members of said company at any suitable time and place in Litchfield aforesaid, by publishing a notice of the same at least two weeks before the holding of said meeting in the newspapers published in said Litchfield, stating the objects of said meeting to be the choosing of the first board of directors, the making and establishing by-laws, and the transaction of any business necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 8. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[11.]

AUTHORIZING ELI T. HOYT, ADMINISTRATOR, TO SELL CERTAIN REAL
ESTATE, DEVISED BY LEWIS S. HOYT, LATE OF DANBURY, DE-
CEASED.

Upon the petition of Franklin C. Hoyt, Eliza Hoyt, Sarah M. Hoyt, guardian of the children of Lewis C. Hoyt, deceased, Eli T. Hoyt and Lyman Platt, administrators on the estate of Lewis S. Hoyt, deceased, all of Danbury, in Fairfield county, showing to this assembly that said Lewis S. Hoyt, by his last will and testament, dated June nineteenth, 1852, duly proved and recorded, gave, devised and bequeathed to his wife, said Eliza Hoyt, the use and improvement of all his real estate, after payment of debts, during her widowhood; and providing that in the event of her marriage again the real estate should be equally divided between said Eliza and his two sons, Lewis C. and Franklin C. Hoyt, or their heirs; to said Eliza a life estate therein, and to said Lewis and Franklin their respective third parts in fee; and making no provision in said will for the final disposition of said real estate, in case said Eliza dies the widow of the said deceased Lewis S. Hoyt. That all the debts and charges against the estate of said Lewis S. Hoyt have been fully paid and discharged, and that the real estate of said deceased, now remaining, is bounded and described as follows:—Two tracts of land situate in Pembroke District, in said Danbury, with buildings thereon, containing about one hundred acres; one piece bounded north by L. C. Hoyt's land, east by I. Lindley's and J. Frost's land, south by I. Lindley's and P. Wildman's land, and west by highway and E. Hamilton's land; the other piece bounded north and east by highway, south by I. Lindley's land, and west by G. and E. Hamilton's land; that said Eliza Hoyt remains the widow of said testator, and that since his death his said son, Lewis C. Hoyt, has died, leaving four minor children, viz.: Curtis C. Hoyt, Sarah E. Hoyt, Hattie M. Hoyt and Lewis S. Hoyt, of whom

said Sarah M. Hoyt, their mother, is the duly appointed and qualified guardian; that said real estate is running down and depreciating in value, the fences thereon getting out of repair, and the buildings becoming dilapidated and destroyed, and the whole property liable to be wasted and of no benefit to the parties concerned; that it would promote the interest of all concerned to have said real estate sold, and the avails thereof properly invested as this assembly directs; and that all parties concur in asking for liberty to sell said real estate, who are interested therein, praying this assembly to pass a resolution authorizing said Eli T. Hoyt, or some other meet person, to sell said property above described, under suitable restrictions, as said assembly shall direct, and to invest the avails thereof, in a proper manner, for the benefit of all persons interested in the same, as per petition on file, dated April twenty-eighth, 1866.

This assembly having inquired into the allegations above mentioned finds them true; and therefore it is,—

Resolved by this Assembly, That Eli T. Hoyt, of said Danbury, one of the administrators of the estate of Lewis S. Hoyt, late of said Danbury, deceased, be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to sell and convey the whole or any part of said real estate above described, and upon such sale to make a deed describing the land sold to the purchaser thereof, and the deed of said Eli T. Hoyt, legally executed, shall be good and effectual to convey the title to said real estate, or any part thereof, to the purchaser of the same, and the avails of said land shall be received by said Eli T. Hoyt, and all invested in whole or in part in some other real estate, or in bond and mortgage, or in the bonds and loans of this state, or in the bonds and securities of the United States, or in some bank of savings in this state, to be held in trust by him, the said Eli T. Hoyt, as trustee, and by succeeding trustees, to be, when needful, appointed by the court of probate for the district of Danbury, for the use and benefit of said Eliza Hoyt during her life and widowhood, and at her decease or marriage the same shall

be divided among the heirs of said Lewis S. Hoyt, according to the terms of said will and the law of this state concerning distribution of intestate property. *Provided*, that before the sale of said real estate the said Eli T. Hoyt shall give bonds with surety, to the acceptance of said court of probate, for the safe and secure investment of said avails by him, to be held in trust for the purposes aforesaid, and for the faithful execution of this trust and performance of his duties, in compliance with the terms of this resolution.

Approved, May 23d, 1866.

[26.]

AUTHORIZING WILLIAM LEE TO SELL CERTAIN REAL ESTATE, DEVISED BY SARAH PLATT, LATE OF RIDGEFIELD, IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY, DECEASED.

Upon the petition of Susan Main of said Ridgefield, and of Hubert P. Main, of the city and county and state of New York, son of said Susan Main, and of Albert Pulling, and Helen J. Pulling, his wife, son-in-law and daughter of the said Susan Main, both of Danbury, in said Fairfield county, and of Samuel M. Smith, guardian of Helen Virginia Main and Julien Hubert Main, all of said Ridgefield, minor children of Julien S. Main, late of said Ridgefield, deceased, son of said Susan Main; and Cynthia J. Main, minor daughter of said Susan Main, by her guardian, Samuel M. Smith, also of said Ridgefield, showing to this assembly that the said Susan Main is now in the possession of the following certain real estate, situated in said Ridgefield, and bounded and described as follows: on the north by land held in trust for the heirs of the Rev. James H. Perry, deceased; east by the highway; north by the estate of Doctor N. Perry, deceased; west by the highway; and that said Susan Main holds possession of said real estate as a devisee under the will of Sarah Platt, late of said Ridgefield, deceased; and that by the terms

of said will said Susan Main was to have the use and improvement of the aforesaid real estate during her natural life, and after the death of said Susan Main the remainder was to go to the children of said Susan Main, their heirs and assigns forever; that said real estate is encumbered with debts, and that the principal value of the same consists in buildings standing thereon; that the same are now depreciating and going to decay, and that said estate cannot be managed so that the same can be made productive for the said Susan and beneficial to the other petitioners; and that it will be for the best interest of all concerned if the same can be sold. Praying this honorable assembly to grant an order for the sale of the aforesaid real estate, and also that the avails thereof, after discharging the incumbrances thereon, may be invested for the use of the said Susan Main during her natural life, with the principal thereafter to the remainder of your petitioners interested, as to said assembly shall seem best, as per petition on file, dated April 18th, 1866.

This assembly having inquired into the allegations above-mentioned, finds them true; and therefore it is,—

Resolved by this Assembly:—That William Lee, Esq., of Ridgefield, aforesaid, be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to sell and convey the whole or any part of the real estate above described; and upon such sale to make a deed describing the land sold to the purchaser thereof; and the deed of the said William Lee, legally executed, shall be good and effectual to convey the title to said real estate, or any part thereof, to the purchaser of the same. And that said William Lee apply so much of the avails of said sale, or sales, of said real estate as may be necessary to the liquidation of the incumbrances thereon, and the remainder be received by the said William Lee, and all invested in whole or in part in some other real estate, or in bond and mortgage, or in the bonds and loans of this state, or in the bonds and securities of the United States, or in some bank of savings in this state, to be held in trust by him, the said William Lee, as trustee, and by succeed-

ing trustees, to be, when needful, appointed by the court of probate for the district of Ridgefield, for the use and benefit of said Susan Main, during her natural life; and at her decease the same shall be divided among the heirs of said Sarah Main, according to the terms of said will of said Susan Platt, and the law of this state concerning the distribution of intestate property. *Provided*, that before the sale of said real estate the said William Lee shall give bonds with surety, to the acceptance of said court of probate, for the safe and secure investment of said avails by him to be held in trust for the purposes aforesaid, and for the faithful execution of this trust, and performance of his duties, in compliance with the terms of this resolution.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[44.]

AUTHORIZING STEPHEN CROSBY, OF THOMPSON, TO SELL LANDS, DEVISED BY WILLIAM P. SEAVER, LATE OF THOMPSON, DECEASED.

Upon the petition of Relief F. Seaver and others, for the sale of lands, as per petition appears:

Resolved by this Assembly :—That the estate described in said petition may be sold under such order of public or private sale as may be prescribed by the court of probate for the district of Thompson, by Stephen Crosby of said Thompson; and said Crosby may convey the same in fee simple, and shall hold the avails of such sale, (first deducting the expenses of obtaining this authority, the fees of the court of probate and expenses of sale,) and invest the same, and change such investment, as trustees for all persons interested, in such mode and manner as shall be approved by said court of probate; and dispose of the principal and interest as said lands and the increase therefrom would have been treated and disposed of, the principal representing the lands, and the interest the income. Said Crosby

shall, before making such sale, give a bond with surety to the judge of probate of said district and his successors in office, to the satisfaction of said judge, conditioned for the faithful performance of his trust, for the benefit of all persons interested in said estate. Full power is given said court of probate to enforce said trust, and to distribute said money and income to those who may be entitled to receive the same, carrying out the provisions of the will of William P. Seaver, on record in the office of said court, in reference to said lands, and regarding said money as the representative and as standing and being in the place and stead of said real estate. Said trustee shall make returns of his sale of said estate to said court of probate, and act under its advice and control in administering said trust.

Approved, June 6th, 1866.

[45.]

AUTHORIZING RUFUS PUTNAM, EXECUTOR, OR ANOTHER, TO SELL
LANDS DEVISED BY ISAAC B. WOODBURY, LATE OF NORWALK, DE-
CEASED.

Upon the petition of Rufus Putnam of Danvers, in the state of Massachusetts, showing to this assembly that he is executor of the last will and testament of Isaac B. Woodbury, late of Norwalk, in the county of Fairfield, deceased; and that, pursuant to the provisions of said will, he holds all the estate of said deceased in trust for the sole use of his widow, Mary A. Woodbury, of said Norwalk, during her life or widowhood, and for the children of said deceased, when the estate of said Mary A. therein has determined. And further showing, that said deceased left six children, who are living, viz.: Mary P., Isaac B., Rufus P., Abby E., Frank H., and Charles K., who are all minors, under the age of twenty-one years; and that their mother, said Mary A. Woodbury, is

their guardian, lawfully appointed by the court of probate for the district of Norwalk. And further showing, that a considerable share of said estate consists of a homestead, containing about sixteen acres of land, situate in said Norwalk, bounded north by highway, east by land of Mary A. Woodbury and highway, south by highway and land of John S. and Nancy Sammis, and west by land of Sally Stuart and M. P. C. Butler;—that said tract of land is of little yearly value, but that it might be advantageously sold for building purposes, and the proceeds so invested as to greatly subserve the interests of all persons interested therein; that said Mary A. contemplates a removal to the vicinity of some public institution, for the more convenient education of said children; and that, by reason of the trust, and an inadvertent omission to insert in said will a clause authorizing a sale, such sale cannot be effected advantageously, if at all, by the agency of the superior or probate courts—and praying authority to sell all or any part of said estate, and invest the avails thereof in other estates, or in interest bearing stocks or bonds; as per petition, duly served upon the respondents, and returned to this assembly, according to law, appears.

This assembly having inquired into the allegations of said petition, finds them true; and further finds, that the greater portion of said tract of land is chiefly valuable for building sites, and was purchased by said Isaac B. Woodbury with a view to a speculative sale at a future time, and that it was his intention to provide for such sale in his will, and such provision was inadvertently omitted, and that the same is otherwise of little value to said Mary A. and her children; that no provision is made in said will for their support; and that it is essential to their interests that a power to sell all or some portions of said property, should be vested in said trustee; therefore,—

Resolved by this Assembly:—That Rufus Putnam, executor of the last will and testament of Isaac B. Woodbury, and trustee of his estate under said will, as aforesaid; and in case of his

death, his successor in said office and trust, be, and they hereby are fully authorized and empowered, at their discretion, to sell at public or private sale, and in due form of law convey all or any part of said tract of land, and to invest such portion of the avails thereof as may be required in purchasing another residence for said widow and children, taking and holding the title thereto, in trust for the use of said Mary A., during her life or widowhood, and of said children, after the determination of her estate, in like manner as said tract of land is now holden under the provision of said will; and to apply such portion of it as may be required, to liquidate all expenses which may have been or may be incurred for the support and education of said children, by said trustee or said guardian; and to invest the balance in the bonds or treasury notes of the United States, or of the states of Massachusetts or Connecticut, to be held by him in like manner and for like uses and trusts. And all sales of said estate made pursuant to the foregoing authority and limitation, shall be effectual and valid in the law to convey a fee simple estate to the purchaser or purchasers thereof.

Approved, June 6th, 1866.

[46.]

AUTHORIZING GEORGE W. PEET TO SELL LANDS BY HIM HELD IN TRUST, UNDER THE WILL OF WILLIAM BUSHNELL, LATE OF SALISBURY, DECEASED.

Upon petition of Noah W. Wheeler and Sarah Wheeler, husband and wife, praying that George W. Peet, Esq., of Salisbury, as trustee of said Sarah Wheeler, be authorised and empowered to sell lands held in trust by him, as per petition on file:—

Resolved by this Assembly, That said George W. Peet, Esq., be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sell the

lands and appurtenances thereunto appertaining, which were devised to him by the last will and testament of William Bushnell, late of said Salisbury, deceased, as trustee, to and for the use and benefit of said Sarah Wheeler, and to invest the avails of said lands, for the use and benefit of said Sarah, and for the purposes prescribed and intended by said will.

Approved, June 6th, 1866.

[57.]

CONFIRMING TITLE OF BENNET HOTCHKISS TO LANDS PURCHASED OF
HENRIETTA E. WALKER.

Resolved by this Assembly :—That the deed executed by Henrietta E. Walker to Bennet Hotchkiss, dated August twenty-first, 1865, and the deed executed by Lucius Walker, husband of the said Henrietta E. Walker, to the said Bennet Hotchkiss, dated August twenty-fifth, 1865, purporting to convey to the said Bennet Hotchkiss two certain pieces of land, with the buildings thereon standing, situated in the town of New Haven, and bounded and described in said deeds as follows, viz. :—The first piece being one undivided sixth part of the following described piece, and bounded as follows, viz. :—northerly by Spring street, easterly by West Water street, southerly by land of Gerard Hallock, and westerly by land of the heirs of Hezekiah Davenport, deceased. The second piece being one undivided seventh part of the following described piece, and bounded as follows, viz. :—northerly by Spring street and the New York and New Haven Railroad, easterly by the above described piece, and southerly and westerly by land of Gerard Hallock, being the same land set to Henrietta E. Walker, in the distribution of her father's estate, (Hezekiah Davenport,) containing two and one-half acres, more or less, the said deeds being recorded at length in the New Haven Land Records, be, and the same is hereby ratified, confirmed and validated as

good and sufficient deeds and conveyance of the title of the land described as aforesaid in the said deeds in fee simple, from the said Henrietta E. Walker and Lucius Walker to the said Bennet Hotchkiss, the grantee therein named, his heirs and assigns.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[65.]

AUTHORIZING EGBERT E. BISHOP AND WILLIAM D. HENDRICKS TO SELL CERTAIN PROPERTY IN BRANFORD, KNOWN AS THE BRANFORD ACADEMY. *

Upon the petition of Albert Plant and others of Branford, showing to this assembly that, about the year 1812, a building was erected on the public green in said Branford, to be used as an academy; that said building was erected and paid for by over sixty of the then residents of Branford, nearly all of whom are now deceased; that upon the decease of the said owners of said academy their interest in the said building has never been administered upon, and that at the present time the title to said building is in the petitioners and others unknown to the petitioners, all of whom, together with the petitioners, are now tenants in common in said property, either as original proprietors or as heirs of the original proprietors. That the last meeting of the proprietors of said building was held about the year 1854, since which time it has been impossible to procure an attendance of any of the original proprietors at any meeting that has been duly warned for the purpose; that the trustees appointed at the said last meeting are all deceased; that said building is now very much out of repair, and in its present condition no one will see that the necessary repairs are made, that it will be for the interest of all persons interested in said building if it shall be sold, and the avails thereof distributed

amongst them, that the proper notice required by statute has been given to all parties interested in said building, and praying that some meet person or persons may be appointed to sell and convey said building.

This assembly having inquired into the facts set forth in said petition, find them to be true as aforesaid ; and therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Egbert E. Bishop and William D. Hendricks of said Branford, be, and they hereby are, fully authorized and empowered to sell and convey said academy building at public sale, notice thereof being duly given by putting the same upon the public post in said Branford ; and the purchaser thereof shall thereafter have and enjoy a perfect title to the same ; *provided*, that he shall at all times keep the lower room of said building in a proper condition for a school room, and have the same under proper conditions for the keeping of a school of the higher order, until such time as the majority of the board of education in said Branford shall certify in writing that there is no further necessity for such school room. And said trustees are hereby directed, after deducting the necessary expenses, to distribute the avails of such sale among the proprietors of said academy building or their heirs, as they and their interests appear in the ancient records of said academy proprietors, in all cases taking a proper receipt therefor ; and that said trustees shall render their account of the sale of said land, to be placed on file in the office of the court of probate for the district of Branford.

Approved, June 22d, 1866.

[80.]

AUTHORIZING LUZON B. MORRIS, TRUSTEE, TO SELL LAND DEVISED
BY HULDAH W. GRISWOLD, LATE OF SOUTHBURY, DECEASED.

Upon the petition of Luzon B. Morris and Charles H. Ward, of New Haven, Connecticut, Thomas Ward, James Henry Ward, Jesse M. Henry, and Eliza M. Henry, husband and wife, all of Orange, Connecticut, and William M. Griswold, of Southbury, Connecticut, showing that on the day of September, A. D. 1865, Huldah W. Griswold, the wife of said William L. Griswold, died, testate, leaving a will, by which instrument certain property was given in trust for the benefit of said Thomas Ward, Charles H. Ward, James Henry Ward, and William L. Griswold, during their lives, and at the death of said parties said property was to be distributed to the heirs of said Thomas Ward, and to the heirs of said James H. Ward, and to the heirs of said Eliza M. Henry, as by said will appears. And further showing that said will was duly probated in the probate court for the district of Southbury, on the thirtieth day of September, A. D. 1865, and that said Luzon B. Morris was then and there duly appointed by said court administrator with the will annexed, on said estate of said Huldah W. Griswold. And further showing that said Huldah W. Griswold at the time of her death was the owner of an undivided one-fourth part of a certain piece of land, situated in said town of Orange, containing three acres, more or less, bounded northerly by land of Wheaton , easterly and westerly by highway, southerly by land of the New York and New Haven Railroad Company ; that said land is unproductive, and that it cannot be used to advantage by the persons entitled to the use of the same, and that it would be for the advantage of all persons interested that said real estate should be sold, and the proceeds thereof be otherwise invested. And further showing that the heirs of said Eliza M. Henry are Herbert B. Henry, James W. Henry, and Mabel Henry, all minors under the

age of twenty-one years, and that said Jesse M. Henry is the father and natural guardian of said minors, and that said James H. Ward has no children. And praying said assembly to pass a resolution authorizing and empowering said Luzon B. Morris, or some other suitable person, to sell said property under suitable restrictions, and to reinvest the same in a proper manner for the benefit of all persons interested in the same, as by petition dated May ninth, 1866, duly entered, appears. And this assembly having inquired into the allegations in said petition, find them true, and it is therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Luzon B. Morris, of New Haven, Connecticut, be, and he hereby is, appointed trustee, and is authorized and empowered to sell and convey the real estate hereinbefore described, at such price and upon such terms as in his judgment shall be most for the benefit of the persons interested in said real estate, and shall give suitable deeds of conveyance to the purchaser or purchasers thereof; and shall invest the proceeds thereof in other real estate, in his own name as trustee aforesaid, or shall in like manner invest the same in bonds or notes secured by mortgage, or in bonds or securities of the United States, or of the state of Connecticut, or deposit the same in any duly incorporated savings bank in the state of Connecticut, or partly in one mode and partly in another, and shall have power to change such investments from time to time, as in his judgment may seem best; and (after paying the costs and charges of this petition, and of said sale or sales,) the principal sum thereof shall be by him held and appropriated to the same persons, and in the same manner and form as the said real estate is disposed of in said will. *Provided,* that said Luzon B. Morris, before assuming said trust, shall give such bonds with surety to the court of probate for the district of Southington, as shall be satisfactory to said court, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, in compliance with the terms of this resolution. *And resolved further,* that in case said Luzon B. Morris should de-

cline, or resign said trust, or should die, or become incapacitated to execute the same, the said court of probate shall appoint some other suitable person in his place to execute said trust, taking a like bond for the performance of the duties of said trust, and such other person, when so appointed, shall have all the powers which the said Luzon B. Morris has by virtue of these resolutions.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[94.]

AUTHORIZING GEORGE M. BARTHOLOMEW, TRUSTEE, TO SELL LANDS,
&c., DEVISED BY SAMUEL HILLHOUSE, LATE OF WETHERSFIELD,
DECEASED.

Upon the petition of Albert C. Raymond of East Hartford, in the county of Hartford, and of Henry Norton of Goshen, in the county of Litchfield, executors of the last will and testament of Samuel Hillhouse, late of Wethersfield, in the county of Hartford, now deceased, showing, among other things, to this assembly, that they, the petitioners, are the sole acting executors of the will of said deceased. That he left a large real and personal estate over and above all debts due from the said estate, and the expenses of settling the same, and among the property so left by him and disposed of by said will, was a certain farm described in said will as his, the testator's, homestead farm, situate in said town of Wethersfield, and lying on both sides of the New Haven turnpike. That there exists in said Hartford a corporation duly organized under the laws of this state, known as the "Cedar Hill Cemetery," established, among other things, for the purpose of procuring a burying ground or place of sepulture, and with power to take the necessary premises by legal process, making suitable compensation therefor, when they are unable to make the necessary agreement with the

proprietors thereof. And further showing to this assembly that said Cedar Hill Cemetery are desirous to obtain a portion of said premises for the purposes of their said organization, and being unable to make the necessary agreement with the proprietors thereof, have, by their said corporate name, instituted legal proceedings against said proprietors for the purpose of obtaining the legal title thereto, the said corporation to pay the price thereof, when the same shall be legally ascertained. That said proceedings are now pending in the superior court for the county of Hartford, and the petitioners believe that the prayer thereof will be granted, and that said corporation will thereupon pay the price of said premises, so to be ascertained, which amount, the petitioners believe, will exceed the sum of fourteen thousand dollars. And further showing that neither by said will, nor by the charter of said corporation, nor by any existing provision of law are there any persons who have the legal right to receive, manage and finally make the appropriate disposition of said funds when so paid by said corporation, and the income and avails thereof, and that it is desirable that some one should be appointed, with the necessary powers, so that the same may be received and immediately invested as soon as said corporation are ready to pay the same, so that no interest thereon be lost; and praying this assembly to appoint a trustee or trustees for the purpose aforesaid; all which by said petition duly served and returned will more fully and at large appear. Said petition and the parties thereto having been duly heard, this assembly do find the averments therein to be true; whereupon it is

Resolved by this Assembly, That George M. Bartholomew of Hartford, in the county of Hartford, and state of Connecticut, be, and he hereby is [hereby] appointed a trustee to receive and collect from said corporation known as the Cedar Hill Cemetery, the price of said premises whenever the amount of the same shall be legally ascertained, to invest, manage and collect the same and the income thereof at his discretion, to pay

over from time to time the net income of said fund to the person or persons having under said will a life interest in said premises during the natural life of such person or persons, and upon the decease of such person or persons to dispose of and distribute the principal of such fund in the same way and manner in which said premises so proposed to be taken would have been disposed of and distributed under the provisions of said will, had the same not been taken by said corporation.

Provided always, that upon entering on the performance of the duties of his said appointment the said trustee shall give suitable bond with surety for the faithful performance of said trust to the satisfaction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford, and said trustee shall thereafter from time to time settle his account in the premises with said court, in the same manner as if in and by said will he had been made trustee of said premises and the avails and income thereof; *provided*, that nothing in this resolution contained shall have the effect, or shall be so construed, as to prevent any party in interest from applying to any court having jurisdiction, for the substitution of another trustee in the place of the one hereby appointed, or for the management, investment and distribution of said fund, and such court may act in the premises in the same manner as if this resolution had not passed.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[130.]

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE CHURCH OF THE SECOND CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY OF GRISWOLD.

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of April, A. D. 1828, certain parties living in the town of Griswold, New London county, and state of Connecticut, by deed of that date, duly recorded in the town records of the town of Griswold, book second, pages four hundred and fifty-five and four hundred

and fifty-six, quit-claimed to the second congregational society of said town certain real estate therein described, with a church or house of worship thereon standing; *and whereas*, it was provided in said deed that said real estate was to be had, held, used, occupied and improved by said society so long and on condition that said society should improve said house for a house of religious worship, according to the doctrines and precepts aforesaid, and for the denomination of christians aforesaid, and no longer, and that whenever said society should occupy or improve said house, or suffer the same to be occupied or improved, contrary to the condition or intendment of said deed, then the grantors reserved to themselves the right and privilege of reentering and taking possession of said church, with all the improvements made thereon, and that said property should revert and revest in the grantors in the same manner and in the same proportions as it was when owned by them; *and whereas*, said society is desirous of erecting and constructing a new and more commodious house of worship to supply the place of the old one; therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the said congregational society be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey the old church and house of worship, and to give a good and sufficient title to the same to their grantees; the avails of such sale to be applied by said society to the payment of the expenses of the said erection of said new church; and if the sale of the whole or any part of such church has already been made by said society, the sale thereof is hereby expressly ratified and confirmed; *provided*, the avails thereof shall in like manner be expended in the construction of said new church to supply the place of the old one.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[181.]

RELATING TO LANDS OF ZACHEUS NONSUCH AND OTHERS, OF THE
NIANTIC TRIBE OF INDIANS.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the application of Zacheus Nonsuch and others of the Niantic tribe of Indians, for leave to sell or divide tribe lands, be referred to the superior court for New London county, to pass upon the questions involved in said petition, and that jurisdiction be, and is hereby conferred upon said court, and said court is hereby authorized to hear and determine the whole matter, and to inquire whether it is for the interest of said tribe that said land should be divided or sold; and in case it should so determine, to appoint a committee to make such sale or division, and make report of the same to said court for its acceptance; and in case said court shall determine that it is not for the interest of said tribe that said tribe lands should be sold, said determination shall be final and conclusive in the matter.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[187.]

AUTHORIZING WILLIAM J. HAMERSLEY, AND OTHERS, TO SELL
LAND DEVISED BY OLIVER D. COOKE, LATE OF HARTFORD, DE-
CEASED.

Whereas, Oliver D. Cooke, late of the city of Hartford, deceased, by his last will and testament devised to his two daughters, to wit: Laura S. Hamersley, wife of William J. Hamersley, and Julia M. Kissam, the use, improvement, privileges and rents of a certain house, lot and garden situate in said city of Hartford, bounded west by Main street, north by Temple street, east by land belonging to the city of Hartford, and south by land belonging to the estate of the

late Ward Woodbridge and to George M. Way, partly by each, one-half to the said Laura S. Hamersley, and one-half to the said Julia M. Kissam, during their natural lives respectively, and after the death of each to their children respectively, until they arrive to the age of twenty-one years, when it shall become theirs in fee, as will more fully appear by said will proved and approved by the court of probate for the probate district of Hartford, May third, A. D. 1833, and on file in the records of said court. *And whereas*, the said Laura S. Hamersley has three children of full age, to wit: Elizabeth J., William, and Sophia Hamersley, and one minor child, and the said Julia M. Kissam has two children of full age, to wit: Julia M. Macalester, wife of Charles Macalester, Jr., and Gertrude Brownell, wife of H. Tudor Brownell, and two minor children; therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the said William J. Hamersley, and Laura S., his wife, Julia M. Kissam, Elizabeth J. Hamersley, William Hamersley, Sophia Hamersley, Charles Macalester, Jr., and Julia M., his wife, and H. Tudor Brownell, and Gertrude, his wife, be, and they are hereby authorized to sell and convey said lands, or any portion thereof, and their deed shall be effectual to convey all the right, title and interest of said minors, and all the right and title which the testator had in said premises at his decease, and the money arising from the sale of said premises, or of any portion thereof, shall be paid over by the purchaser or purchasers thereof to such trustee as shall be appointed by the judge of the court of probate for the probate district of Hartford, said judge being hereby authorized to appoint such trustee, and in the event of his death or resignation to appoint other in his stead. And said trustee shall invest the money arising from said sale in other real estate, or otherwise, as he shall judge most for the benefit of the parties in interest. The rents, interest, income and annual avails of which shall be paid over from time to time to the same persons, and in the same proportions as they would have shared, or been entitled to the use of said real estate, had it

remained unsold. And the said lands or money in the hands of said trustee shall be subject to all the directions, restrictions and limitations mentioned in said will, relative to the real estate therein devised as aforesaid.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[142]

AUTHORIZING ELIZABETH M. CLARK, TRUSTEE, TO SELL REAL ESTATE DEVISED BY EDWARD S. CLARK, LATE OF WATERBURY, DECEASED.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Elizabeth M. Clark, widow of Edward S. Clark, late of Waterbury, deceased, and one of the executors of the will of said deceased, be, and she hereby is fully authorized and empowered as trustee, to sell and convey the real estate devised and bequeathed by the will of said deceased to said Elizabeth M. Clark, for the joint use and benefit of herself and the children of said deceased ; and as trustee, to execute a good and valid deed to convey the title to the same ; the avails thereof to be held or reinvested for the joint use and benefit of herself and the children of said deceased ; *provided*, that before selling said real estate, the said Elizabeth M. Clark shall become bound in a good and sufficient bond with surety to the acceptance of the judge of probate for the district of Waterbury, conditional that the avails of the sale of said real estate shall be reinvested for the joint use and benefit of herself and the children of said deceased, which bond said court is authorized to take.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[160.]

IN ADDITION TO AND ALTERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE SALE OF THE BRANFORD ACADEMY.

Whereas, the resolution authorizing the sale of the Branford academy requires certain amendments,

Resolved, That said resolution be so far altered that Samuel O. Plant be added to the trustees authorized to sell the property ; that if it shall appear to said trustees that it will be for the benefit of all interested that the building should be sold at private sale, they may so sell it ; *provided*, it shall not be sold for less than a value that may be appraised by three disinterested freeholders ; that if it shall be sold at public auction fifteen days' notice of such sale shall be made by posting proper notices upon the public sign-post and upon said building ; that said building shall not remain upon the public land in said Branford for over one year after it shall cease to be used for any public purpose ; that said trustees are authorized to collect and receive all sums that may be legally due the proprietors of said academy, and to take and exercise full custody and care of said building and its properties until they shall sell the same as provided in the original resolution.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[7.]

CHANGING THE NAME OF THE ELTING WOOLEN COMPANY TO “CLINTON MILLS COMPANY.”

Upon the petition of the Elting Woolen Company, a joint stock corporation, located and doing business at Norwich :—

Resolved by this Assembly, That authority be, and hereby is granted to the said company, at a meeting of their stock-

holders called for the purpose, to change their corporate name to "Clinton Mills Company." But such change shall not affect, in any manner, the rights, powers and privileges, or the liabilities, obligations and duties of said corporation; nor shall it affect any suit now pending. And the said corporation shall cause copies of the resolution or vote by which the said change may be made, to be certified by their president and secretary, and deposited with the secretary of state and the town clerk of the town of Norwich, to be by them respectively recorded in the records of joint stock corporations.

Approved, May 23d, 1866.

[18.]

AUTHORIZING THE COLLINS COMPANY TO INCREASE ITS CAPITAL STOCK.

Upon the petition of the Collins Company, of Collinsville, in the county of Hartford, praying for an increase of its capital stock, as per petition on file:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Collins Company be, and it hereby is authorized to increase its capital stock to an amount not exceeding one million of dollars in the whole, including the five hundred thousand dollars of stock heretofore issued, and said company is hereby authorized by its directors, or otherwise, to cause such additional stock, not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, to be issued at such time or times and in such manner as said company may deem expedient.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[28.]

CHANGING THE NAME OF THE "HOME WOOLEN COMPANY" TO THE
"KING WOOLEN COMPANY."

Resolved by this Assembly, That from and after the day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, the name of the "Home Woolen Company," a joint stock corporation, located in the town of Sprague, New London county, be, and the same is hereby changed to that of "King Woolen Company;" *provided*, that no rights now existing in favor of or against said corporation, shall be prejudiced or affected by such change; *and provided further*, that this resolution shall not take effect until a copy thereof, certified by the secretary of said corporation, shall have been deposited with the secretary of this state and with the town clerk of said town of Sprague.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[30.]

CHANGING THE NAME OF THE "HENRY REPEATING ARMS COMPANY" TO THAT OF THE "WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS COMPANY."

Resolved by this Assembly, That the name of the "Henry Repeating Arms Company," a corporation chartered at the May Session of the general assembly, A. D. 1865, but not yet organized, be, and the same is hereby changed to that of the "Winchester Repeating Arms Company."

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[85.]

INCORPORATING THE CHASE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Oscar F. Chase, Nelson Chase, and Timothy E. Hopkins, with all others who are or shall hereafter become associated with them, be, and they hereby are, with their successors and assigns, made and established a body politic and corporate by the name of the “Chase Manufacturing Company,” for the purpose of manufacturing cassimeres, cloths, woolen cloths, broadcloths, wool, cotton and other manufactures and goods, composed in whole or in part of wool, cotton and flax, or other materials, and manufacturing other fabrics, in the most advantageous manner, and for mercantile purposes, at Thompson, Windham county, Connecticut; and by that name they and their successors and assigns shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, take, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy to them, their successors and assigns, any goods, chattels and effects of whatever kind they may be, the better to enable them to carry on such business to advantage; also to purchase, take, hold, occupy and enjoy any lands, tenements or hereditaments as shall be necessary for the views and purposes of said corporation, and the same or any part thereof sell, lease and dispose of at pleasure; or to take a lease or leases of any such lands and real estate, for a term or terms of years; also to sue and to be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, answer and be answered unto, in any court of record or elsewhere; and said corporation may have and may use a common seal, and may alter the same at their pleasure.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be one hundred thousand dollars, with liberty to increase the same from time to time, to an amount not exceeding in the whole sum the sum of five hundred thousand dollars. The shares of said capital stock shall be one thousand dollars, and shall be deemed and be considered personal estate, and be transferable only on the books of said company in such form as the directors

of the said corporation shall prescribe, and said company shall, at all times, have a lien upon all stock or property of the members of said corporation invested therein, for all debts due from them to said company, and said corporation may organize, go into operation and commence business whenever and as soon as the whole amount of said stock shall be taken up, subscribed for and actually paid in.

SEC. 3. The stock, property and affairs of said corporation shall be managed by not less than three nor more than seven directors, one of whom they shall appoint their president, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are chosen, which said directors shall be stockholders, and shall be annually elected at such times and places as the by-laws of said corporation shall prescribe. A majority of said directors shall, in all cases when met, constitute a board for the transaction of business, and a majority of the stockholders present at any legal meeting, shall be capable of transacting the business of such meeting, each share entitling the owner to one vote, which may be given by said stockholders in person or by lawful proxy. Oscar F. Chase is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the corporation hereby formed, by forwarding by mail or otherwise a written or printed notice of the time and place of such meeting, at least one week previous thereto, directed to each person who shall be subscribers to the capital stock of said company.

SEC. 4. The president and directors for the time being, or a major part of them, shall have power to fill any vacancy which may happen in the board by death, resignation or otherwise, for the then current year, and to appoint and employ, from time to time, a secretary, treasurer and such other officers, mechanics and laborers as they may think proper, for the transaction of the business and concerns of said company, and may require said secretary, treasurer, and such other officers as they may think proper, to give such security, by bond or otherwise, for the faithful discharge of their trusts and duties, as said directors shall deem proper; and also to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations as they shall deem it expe-

dient for the better management of the concerns of said corporation, and the same to alter and repeal; *provided always*, that such by-laws, rules and regulations be not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States; and said directors shall, and may as often as the interest of the stockholders shall require, and the affairs of said company will permit, declare a dividend of profits on each share, which shall be paid by the treasurer of said company.

SEC. 5. If it shall happen that an election of directors shall not be made on the day appointed by the by-laws of said company, said corporation shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but such election may be holden on any day thereafter, which shall be appointed by the directors.

SEC. 6. The books of said corporation containing their accounts shall, at all reasonable times, be open for the inspection of any of the stockholders of said corporation. And as often as once in each year a statement of the accounts of said company shall be made, by order of the directors, and said directors may obtain new subscriptions to the capital stock at any time, not exceeding in the whole the sum of five hundred thousand dollars. Ten per cent. of the amount of such new subscriptions shall be paid in at the time of subcribing.

SEC. 7. For the debts which may at any time be due from said company, the stockholders thereof shall not be responsible in their private capacity, but only the property and estate of said corporation; and nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize or empower the said company to use their funds for any banking transactions.

SEC. 8. The directors may call in the capital stock by installments, or in the whole, as they shall deem best, and at such times and places, giving such notice as the by-laws shall prescribe. And in case any stockholder shall neglect or refuse payment of any installment or installments, for the space of sixty days after the same shall become due and payable, and after he, she or they shall have been notified thereof, the stock of such negligent stockholder shall be sold by the directors at public auction, giving at least thirty days' notice thereof in

some newspaper published in the county of Windham, or an adjoining county, and also such other notice as the directors shall prescribe; and the proceeds shall be applied in payment of said installments and expenses, and the residue shall be refunded to the owner thereof; and said sale shall entitle the purchaser to all the rights of a stockholder to the extent of the shares so purchased.

SEC. 9. The said corporation shall, within the period of six months next after the same shall become organized, lodge a certificate with the secretary of this state, containing the amount of capital stock actually paid in and belonging to said company, which said certificate shall be signed by the president and secretary, and verified by their oath. And within six months after all subsequent installments (if any) of said capital stock, or of any increase thereof, shall have been paid in, a like certificate shall be made and lodged; and the amount of capital stock thus certified shall not be withdrawn so as to reduce the same below the amount stated in said certificate. And in every event any part of the capital stock paid in and certified shall be withdrawn without the consent of the general assembly, the directors ordering, causing or allowing such withdrawal or reduction of capital, shall be liable, jointly and severally, as traders in company, in case of the insolvency of said corporation at any period afterwards, for all debts owing by said corporation at the time of or subsequently to the reduction or diminution of the capital as aforesaid. And said corporation shall at all times have a counting room or place of business, at the town of Thompson, in the county of Windham, and state of Connecticut, and in all proceedings in law or equity, in which said corporation shall be a party, or be sought to be made a party, the leaving of a true and attested copy of the writ, summons, or other process, with the president, secretary, clerk or agent of said corporation, or at the counting room or place of business, shall be sufficient service to hold said corporation for trial.

SEC. 10. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

SEC. 11. This resolution shall take effect from the day of its passage.

Approved, May 31st, 1866.

[37.]

INCREASING THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE WHEELER AND WILSON
MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Wheeler and Wilson Manufacturing Company, be, and they hereby are, authorized to increase their capital stock to an amount not exceeding one million dollars; *provided*, that such additional capital shall be subject to all the existing provisions of their original charter; *and provided*, that such increase shall not be made unless the same shall be ordered or approved by a vote of the stockholders at an annual meeting, or at a meeting specially warned for that purpose.

Approved, June 6th, 1866.

[40.]

CHANGING THE NAME OF TURNER AND CLARK MANUFACTURING
COMPANY, TO TURNER, SEYMOUR AND JUDDS.

Resolved by this Assembly, That from and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, the name of the "Turner and Clark Manufacturing Company," a joint stock corporation located in the town of Torrington, Litchfield county, be, and the same is hereby changed to that of "Turner, Seymour and Judds;" *provided*, that no rights now existing in favor of, or against said corporation, shall be

prejudiced or affected by such change; *and provided further*, that this resolution shall not take effect until a copy thereof, certified by the secretary of said corporation, shall have been deposited with the secretary of this state, and with the town clerk of said town of Torrington.

Approved, June 6th, 1866.

[8.]

AUTHORIZING THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL TO LOAN FIELD
TENTS TO EMORY F. STRONG.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the quartermaster-general be, and he is hereby directed to deliver to Emory F. Strong, in the month of July, sixteen common field tents, taking the usual bond for the safe return of the same in good order within two weeks from the time of such delivery.

Approved, May 23d, 1866.

[99.]

AUTHORIZING THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL TO FURNISH COPIES OF THE
CATALOGUE OF THE CONNECTICUT VOLUNTEER FORCE TO THE
MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the adjutant-general be, and he hereby is instructed to furnish to the members of this assembly, for distribution among its members, two copies each of a catalogue of the Connecticut Volunteer Force.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[108.]

FIXING THE RANK OF AID-DE-CAMP TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the rank of the aids-de-camp to the commander-in-chief be that of colonel.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

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[114.]

INCORPORATING THE “ NEW HAVEN AND RENFREW MINING COMPANY.”

Whereas, the “New Haven and Renfrew Mining Company,” a corporation organized under the joint stock laws of this state, to carry on the business of mining gold and coal or other metals or minerals, and now prosecuting said business in the province of Nova Scotia, in Canada, find that they are embarrassed in their efforts to carry on said business in a foreign province, and that their interests would be greatly promoted by the grant to them of more definite and extended powers in respect thereto; therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That said New Haven and Renfrew Mining Company may, and shall hereafter have the right to, and exercise their corporate franchises, and have and enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges herein granted, and after their acceptance of this present act, conduct and carry on their business under the provisions hereof exclusively in the same way and manner and to the same extent in all respects as if said corporation had been originally organized under a charter containing like provisions.

SEC. 2. The said New Haven and Renfrew Mining Company shall have and enjoy their said corporate franchises and all the

rights, powers and privileges herein granted for the purpose of mining gold and coal or other metal or minerals, and of smelting, refining, or otherwise dealing with the ores containing such metals or minerals in the province of Nova Scotia ; and in and by their said corporate name, they and their successors and assigns shall be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered, in addition to the mines, mining leases, lands, ores, goods, chattels, machinery, property and effects now belonging to or leased by said company, to purchase, lease, take, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy to them, their successors and assigns, such other mines, mining leases, lands, ores, goods, chattels, machinery, property and effects of whatever kind they may be, as shall be necessary or convenient to enable them to carry on said business to their best advantage ; also to make and enter into, and become parties to any contract or contracts with any other corporation, association, or person which may be thought desirable and advantageous for the successful prosecution of said business ; also to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, answer and be answered unto in any court of record, or elsewhere. The said corporation may have and use a common seal, and may alter the same at pleasure.

SEC. 3. The said corporation, in addition to their present capital of one million of dollars, now divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each, shall have the power, and are hereby authorized, to increase the same from time to time to an amount not exceeding in the whole five millions of dollars, and issue and dispose of the same in such manner as the directors shall order. The capital stock of said corporation shall be deemed and considered personal property, and transferable only on the books of said company in such form as shall be prescribed by the directors. Said company shall at all times have a lien upon the stock and property of its members invested therein for all debts due from them to said company.

SEC. 4. The stock, property and affairs of said corporation shall be managed after the acceptance of this act, and until others are chosen in their place, by the then present directors, and thereafter by not less than three nor more than seven di-

rectors, one of whom they shall appoint their president, who shall hold his office for one year, and until another is chosen, which said directors shall be stockholders and shall be annually elected in the month of January in each year, at such times and places as the by-laws of said corporation shall prescribe. Notice of all stockholders' meetings shall be given at least five days prior to such meeting, in such way and manner as the directors shall order. A majority of said directors shall in all cases when met in accordance with the by-laws of said company, constitute a board for the transaction of business, and a majority of the stockholders present at any legal meeting shall be capable of transacting the business of such meeting, each share entitling the owner thereof to one vote, which vote may be given by said stockholder in person or by lawful proxy.

SEC. 5. The president and directors for the time being, or a major part of them, shall have power to fill any vacancy which may happen in their board by death, resignation, or otherwise, for the then current year; to appoint and employ from time to time a secretary, treasurer and such other officers and employees as they may deem necessary and proper; and may require said secretary, treasurer and other officers to give such security, by bond or otherwise, for the faithful discharge of their trusts and duties, as said directors shall deem proper.

SEC. 6. The existing by-laws of said corporation shall continue in force until the same are altered or repealed by a vote of the stockholders, and said stockholders at any meeting shall have power to alter or repeal said by-laws, and to make and establish such other by-laws, rules and regulations as they shall deem expedient for the better management of the concerns of said corporation, and the same to alter and repeal at pleasure. *Provided always,* that such by-laws, rules and regulations be not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States. And said directors shall and may, as often as the interests of the stockholders shall require and the affairs of said company will permit, declare a dividend or dividends of profits

on each share, which shall be paid by the treasurer of said company.

SEC. 7. If it shall so happen that an election of directors shall not be made at the regular annual meeting of said corporation, said corporation shall not, for that cause, be deemed to be dissolved, but such election may be holden on any day thereafter which shall be appointed by the directors.

SEC. 8. The books of said corporation containing their accounts, shall, at all reasonable times, be open to the inspection of any of the stockholders of said corporation, and as often as once in each year a statement of the accounts of said company shall be made by order of the directors.

SEC. 9. The directors may call in the subscriptions to the additional capital stock, and require the same to be paid at one time, or by installments, and at such times and places as they shall deem proper, giving such notice thereof as the by-laws and regulations of said company shall prescribe. And in case any stockholder shall refuse or neglect payment of such installment or installments, for the term of sixty days after the same shall become due and payable, and after he, she or they have been notified thereof, such negligent stockholder shall forfeit to said company all his, her or their previous installments, together with all his, her or their rights or interests whatever in said stock.

SEC. 10. The said corporation shall, within the period of three months next after the acceptance by its stockholders of this act, lodge with the secretary of state a certificate of such acceptance, containing a statement of the amount of capital actually paid in and belonging to said company, which said certificate shall be signed by the president and secretary, and verified by their oath; and the amount of capital stock thus certified shall not be withdrawn and refunded to the stockholders so as to reduce the same below the amount stated in said certificate; and in the event any part of the capital stock paid in and certified shall be withdrawn and refunded to the stockholders without the consent of the general assembly, the directors ordering, causing or allowing such withdrawal or re-

duction of capital stock, shall be liable, jointly and severally, as traders in company, in case of the insolvency of said corporation at any period afterwards, for all debts owing by said corporation at the time of, or subsequently to, the reduction or diminution of the capital stock aforesaid.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect whenever the same has been assented to in writing, or at a meeting of the stockholders, legally warned for the purpose, shall have been approved by the stockholders owning a majority of the stock of said corporation.

SEC. 12. This act shall be subject to be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[1.]

AUTHORIZING THE PRESENT BOARD OF AUDITORS TO AUDIT THE
ACCOUNTS OF THE BANK COMMISSIONERS.

Whereas, the board of auditors to audit the accounts of the bank commissioners, for the past year, have failed to perform their duties; therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the present board of auditors are hereby authorized to audit said accounts.

Approved, May 9th, 1866.

[18.]

REQUESTING THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS FROM THIS STATE TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO PROCURE A DONATION OF LANDS BY CONGRESS, TO ENDOW FEMALE COLLEGES IN THE SEVERAL STATES.

Resolved by this Assembly, That our senators and representatives in congress be, and hereby are requested to use their influence to procure a donation of lands by congress to endow female colleges in the several states.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor, be, and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, May 23d, 1866.

[15.]

CONFERRING UPON THE NEWINGTON SCHOOL SOCIETY POWERS RELATING TO BURYING GROUNDS.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Newington School Society shall be, and the same is hereby invested with all the powers, duties and immunities relating to burying grounds and places of sepulture, and matters appertaining thereto, with which said society was invested before the passage of the act approved July 1, 1856, entitled "An Act in addition to and in alteration of an Act concerning Education."

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[33.]

AUTHORIZING CHARLES L. RAYMOND AND HARMON H. BELL TO BUILD A DAM AND BRIDGE ACROSS FARM CREEK, SO CALLED, IN THE TOWN OF NORWALK.

Upon the petition of Charles L. Raymond and Harmon H. Bell, of Norwalk, asking the right to dam and bridge Farm Creek, so called, at said Norwalk :

Resolved by this Assembly, That said Charles L. Raymond and Harmon H. Bell, be, and they are hereby empowered, and to them the right is hereby granted and confirmed, to build a dam and bridge across Farm Creek, so called, in said Norwalk, at any point on said creek, between ten and twenty rods from its mouth, measuring by its north and east bank; *provided*, that the owners of any land on either side of said creek, for any hurt or damage occasioned by building said dam and bridge, shall be justly compensated therefor by said Raymond and Bell.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[36.]

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT LAW REPORTS.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the reporter of judicial decisions be allowed the sum of five dollars per copy for the volumes hereafter delivered to the comptroller of public accounts for the use of the towns of this state, under the resolution of the general assembly passed in 1837, and that the same allowance be made for the thirty-first volume already delivered.

Approved, May 31st, 1866.

[88.]

AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO PURCHASE BONDS OF THE
STATE, &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the treasurer of the state be, and hereby is authorized to purchase bonds of the state of Connecticut of the issues of years previous to 1865; and to substitute the bonds thus purchased, for the "four hundred thousand dollars additional issue" of bonds of 1865, now standing to the credit of the sinking funds.

Approved, June 6th, 1866.

[49.]

PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF BOUNTY TO THE FAMILY OF
GEORGE W. WARNER.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the provisions of the one hundred and thirty-eighth section of the act entitled "An Act for Forming and Conducting the Military Force," be, and hereby are extended in the case of the family of George W. Warner, of New Haven, late a member of the 20th Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, and that there be paid from the treasury of this state, for the wife of said Warner, so long as she continues his wife a widow, the sum of six dollars per month, and for each of their children, while respectively under the age of fourteen years, the sum of two dollars per month, returns to be made and the bounty drawn and paid in the same manner and at the same times as provided in said act.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[73.]

RELATING TO STOCK IN THE HARTFORD BANK HELD BY THE SCHOOL FUND.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the treasurer of the state be, and hereby is authorized and instructed to procure counsel, and to take such legal measures as may be deemed necessary to secure payment from the Hartford Bank of the par value of the shares of said bank owned by the "School Fund," together with the accumulated profits thereon.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[74.]

AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO CONSTRUCT AN IRON FIRE PROOF VAULT IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE AT HARTFORD.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the treasurer of this state be, and he is hereby authorized to have made in the treasurer's office at Hartford an iron fire-proof vault or safe, suitable for the preservation and safe keeping of the bonds and securities belonging to this state, or deposited in said office by the several insurance companies according to law; also all books, papers and vouchers of said office. And the comptroller of this state is hereby authorized to draw an order upon the treasurer for the payment of all bills accruing on account of the construction of said vault or safe, after said bill shall have been certified by the treasurer to be correct.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[77.]

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE NIANTIC TOLL-BRIDGE.

Whereas, Avery Smith and others have preferred a petition to the general assembly to repeal the charter of "The Proprietors of the Niantic Toll-bridge;" and *whereas*, the said proprietors of the Niantic Toll-bridge have appeared and agreed to surrender their charter and franchise on the payment to them of a sum of money to be determined by agreement, or by the decision of a committee to be appointed by the superior court; therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly :—SEC. 1. That the proprietors of the Niantic Toll-bridge are hereby authorized to sell and convey to the towns of Waterford and East Lyme, or either of them, or in case of the failure of said towns to purchase, to any individuals who may wish to purchase the same, their bridge over the Niantic river, and all property and rights connected with said bridge.

SEC. 2. In case said towns, or either of them, shall not agree with said company as to the price to be paid for said bridge and other property, then they, or either of them, may, by their selectmen, bring a petition to the superior court to be holden in New London county in September, 1866, or to any prior term of said court to be held in said county, for the appointment of a committee to appraise the value of said bridge, franchise and property.

SEC. 3. Said court shall appoint a committee of three judicious persons, who, giving such notice to the parties as the court shall order, shall meet and determine the value of said bridge and franchise, and the property necessarily appertaining and belonging thereto, and make return of their doings to the court.

SEC. 4. If said court shall accept said return, it shall be final, and on the payment of the amount ascertained by said committee to be the value of said bridge, to said company, or

in case of their neglect or refusal to receive the same on the payment of the same into court, the said bridge and its property shall belong to said towns or town, the charter and franchise of said company shall be deemed to have been surrendered, and shall cease and become void, and said bridge shall become and remain a free bridge.

SEC. 5. In case neither of said towns shall bring their petition to the superior court, as authorized by this resolution, on or before the September term of said court before named, then Charles Beckwith, Avery Smith, William Whaley, Daniel Howard, Jr., Edwin Howard, of East Lyme, and Philo Gates, of Waterford, or any two of them, may bring such petition in the manner prescribed by this resolution for the towns, and if after petition brought by the towns, or either of them, said town or towns shall neglect or refuse to pay the amount determined upon by the committee appointed by [the] court, then the persons named in this section, and such others as may join with them, may pay the company said sum, and said individuals shall, in case of purchasing such bridge, and in the matter of bringing such petition, be entitled to all the rights and benefits conferred by the preceding section upon the towns, and such charter and franchise shall become void, and cease upon the payment of such sum to said company, or if they refuse to take it into court.

SEC. 6. In case said bridge is purchased by individuals, the towns above named, or either of them, may contribute towards the expense of purchasing the same.

SEC. 7. If said bridge shall be purchased by individuals it shall be and remain a free bridge, and the persons purchasing the same shall not be responsible for any damages, or liable for any repairs or expenses occurring or rendered necessary in consequence of or on such bridge.

SEC. 8. This resolution shall take effect from and after the day of its passage.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[83.]

AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A DEED
OF A CERTAIN PIECE OF LAND LYING IN MERIDEN.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to Edward W. Hatch, of Meriden, for, and in behalf of the state, a deed of a certain piece of land belonging to said state, lying in Meriden, containing one-fourth of an acre, more or less, bounded north on land of Dennis C. Wilcox, about two hundred and fifty feet, east on highway, one hundred and ninety-one feet, south on land of said state, about two hundred and fifty feet, and west on land of the said state, one hundred and fourteen feet. *Provided,* that the said Edward W. Hatch shall in exchange therefor execute and deliver to said state of Connecticut a deed of a certain piece of land lying in said Meriden, bounded north and west on land of the state, east on highway, and south on land of the railroad school district in said Meriden, containing one-fourth of an acre, more or less, and excepting the buildings thereon.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[85.]

RELATING TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES GUNBOAT OTTOWA.

Whereas, the battle flag of the United States gunboat Ottawa, the first national flag hoisted over Fort Clinch when recaptured, the first U. S. fort retaken, reoccupied and repossessed from the rebels, has been kindly tendered to the state by Commander T. H. Stevens, U. S. Navy, and is now at the disposal of this general assembly; therefore,

Resolved, That, in behalf of the state, this general assembly gladly accept the gift thus generously offered by one of Con-

necticut's bravest naval heroes, as a fitting and precious memorial of the brilliant achievements of the U. S. Navy in suppressing the Southern rebellion of 1861.

Resolved, That the battle flag of the U. S. gunboat thus bestowed be deposited under the direction of the governor in the room of the Connecticut Historical Society, at Hartford; that these resolutions be entered in full on the journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, and that His Excellency Governor Hawley be requested to forward to Commander T. H. Stephens an attested copy of the same.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

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[97.]

REQUIRING THE TREASURERS OF THE SEVERAL TOWNS IN THIS STATE TO RENDER AN ACCOUNT TO THE STATE TREASURER OF MONEYS RECEIVED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS, &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the treasurers of the several towns in this state be, and are hereby required to render to the treasurer of this state, on or before the first day of September, A. D. 1866, an accurate account, verified under oath, of all moneys that may have been received by their respective towns from the state treasurer for and in behalf of the families of soldiers in said towns as provided by the towns of this state, that they state how much has been received and how much expended for said purposes, and the balance remaining on hand; also the name or names of the person or persons to whom said balance is or was due, and that they transmit the balance on hand, if any, with the account to the treasurer of the state.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the state be, and is hereby required to send a copy of these resolutions to [the] treasurers of the several towns in the state.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[102.]

APPOINTING AUDITORS TO AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE TREASURER FROM APRIL 1ST, 1865, TO MARCH 31ST, 1866, &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That H. K. W. Welch, Charles White and James Bolter, all of Hartford, be, and hereby are, appointed to audit and examine the accounts of the state treasurer from the first day of April, 1865, to the thirty-first day of March, 1866, both days inclusive, and for any time previous they may deem necessary, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report the result of their examination to the governor and comptroller of this state, on or before the first day of October, 1866, and if for any reason they, or either of them, are unable to perform said duties the governor is hereby empowered to fill the vacancy.

Approved, June 29th, 1866.

[103.]

MAKING ADDITIONAL PROVISION FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS WHEN PATIENTS IN THE HARTFORD HOSPITAL, OR IN THE INSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

Resolved by this Assembly :—SEC. 1. That whenever any discharged soldier, requiring surgical attendance, shall be placed as a patient in the Hartford Hospital, or in the Institution of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, instead of the sum of three dollars heretofore allowed, the sum of six dollars per week for the support of such patient shall be paid from the state treasury to said hospitals respectively, under the direction of the governor of this state and the executive committee of said hospital, respectively.

SEC. 2. That whenever any such discharged soldier shall

die in either of the above hospitals, the expense of his funeral shall be paid from the state treasury.

SEC. 3. The said committees are hereby directed to report quarterly to the governor, and annually to the general assembly, the number of said patients and of funerals as aforesaid.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

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[110]

APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO ENQUIRE INTO THE PRACTICABILITY
OF ESTABLISHING A REFORM SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, &C.

Resolved, That Thomas K. Fessenden of Farmington, James B. Whitcomb of Brooklyn, and Daniel C. Gilman of New Haven, be, and hereby are appointed commissioners to enquire into the practicability and desirableness of establishing an institution for the reformation of abandoned young women in this state, and also as to the necessity and best methods of establishing a reform or industrial school for unfortunate, vicious or vagrant girls. And that the said commissioners shall be authorized to procure, as they can, all needful statistics, to visit similar institutions now organized in other states, and to ascertain such facts as may enable them to report to the next general assembly some suitable place for the establishment of a home or homes, or a reform school, for such women and girls, should such a course then be thought advisable.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[125.]

RELATING TO THE STOCK OWNED BY THE STATE IN THE HARTFORD
BANK, &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the treasurer of the state be, and he hereby is authorized and requested to take all necessary legal and other measures to secure to the state treasury the full amount of the market value of the stock belonging to or held by the state, and the school fund of the state, in the Hartford Bank, a corporation formerly chartered by the laws of this state, or in the Hartford National Bank, as organized under the laws of the United States.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[133.]

APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO INQUIRE INTO THE PRESENT CONDI-
TION OF THE STATE HOUSES AT NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD, &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the governor, the lieutenant governor, John T. Wait of Norwich, Nathaniel Wheeler of Bridgeport, and William H. Barnum of Salisbury, and George Beach of Hartford, be appointed commissioners to inquire into the present condition of the state houses at New Haven and Hartford, and the expediency of erecting new state houses for the proper accommodation of the general assembly and the various state offices, and, with this object, to confer with the authorities of the cities of New Haven and Hartford, and estimate the probable expense to the state of such new state houses, and make report of their doings, with such recommendations as they may deem fit, to the next general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[138.]

MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF A STATE HOSPITAL
THAT MAY BE HEREAFTER FOUNDED BY THE CONNECTICUT HO-
MEOPATHIC MEDICAL SOCIETY, AND THE CONNECTICUT REFORMED
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, &c.

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and it is hereby appropriated from the treasury of this state, for the support and maintenance of a state hospital that may be hereafter founded by the Connecticut Homœopathic Medical Society, and the Connecticut Reform Medical Association; *provided*, that said hospital shall be at all times open to the practice of physicians of whatever school of practice the patients therein may desire.

Resolved, That the comptroller be, and he hereby is authorized to draw an order on the treasurer for the aforesaid sum in favor of J. T. Dennison of Fairfield, whenever it shall appear to the comptroller that the sum of ten thousand dollars has been subscribed in good faith for the founding of such hospital; *provided*, that said J. T. Dennison shall give bonds to the state treasurer for the faithful application of the aforesaid sum.

Resolved, That the aforesaid medical societies are hereby authorized to organize a state hospital society, similar to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, with such constitution and by-laws as shall not conflict with the laws of this state; *provided*, that such society shall not hold real estate to a greater value than one hundred thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the further sum of three dollars per week be appropriated to the treasurer of such hospital society for the support of each and every state patient that may be supported and treated in such state hospital, for and during the time that such state patients may require medical attention and support; *provided*, that said sum of ten thousand dollars shall not be paid to the president of said Connecticut Homœopathic Medical Society for the purposes aforesaid until said sum of ten thousand dollars [to] be raised by subscription has been actually

expended in the purchase or leasing of grounds or buildings for the purposes of said hospital.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[146.]

AUTHORIZING THE STATE TREASURER TO PURCHASE BONDS OF THE STATE.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the treasurer of this state be, and he hereby is authorized to purchase, at his discretion, the outstanding bonds of this state, not to exceed in amount five hundred thousand dollars.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[148.]

PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE SUIT PENDING BETWEEN E. P. ELEY OF NEW YORK, AND WILLIAM WILLARD, WARDEN OF THE STATE PRISON, &C.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the comptroller be, and hereby is authorized to draw an order on the treasurer for a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars in favor of Stephen D. Pardee of New Haven, to defray so much of the expenses incurred in the suit now pending between E. P. Eley of New York, and William Willard, warden of the state prison, as he may deem necessary to be paid before the final settlement of said suit.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[158.]

FIXING THE SALARY OF THE STATE HOUSE KEEPER AT HARTFORD.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the salary of the state house keeper at Hartford, shall be at the rate of two dollars per day, except Sundays.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

. [159.]

INSTRUCTING SCHOOL FUND COMMISSIONER TO WITHDRAW FOREIGN INVESTMENTS.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the school fund commissioner be, and he is hereby instructed to draw in, at his discretion, all loans out of this state, as fast as practicable.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[162.]

APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS FOR THE EQUALIZATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Oliver D. Seymour, of Hartford, for the first senatorial district; Aholiab Johnson, of Enfield, for the second senatorial district; Lucius G. Goodrich, of Simsbury, for the third senatorial district; Andrew L. Kidston, of New Haven, for the fourth senatorial district; Isaac T. Rogers, of Milford, for the fifth senatorial district; A. B. Wildman, of Guilford, for the sixth senatorial district; Nathan S. Fish, of New London, for the seventh senatorial district;

Henry A. Lathrop, of Griswold, for the eighth senatorial district; Willet R. Wood, of Montville, for the ninth senatorial district; William A. Judson, of Huntington, for the tenth senatorial district; Zerah Fairman, of Newton, for the eleventh senatorial district; Algernon E. Beard, of Norwalk, for the twelfth senatorial district; David Greenslit, of Hampton, for the thirteenth senatorial district; George B. Mathewson, of Pomfret, for the fourteenth senatorial district; Nelson Roberts, of Torrington, for the fifteenth senatorial district; George B. Pierpont, of Plymouth, for the sixteenth senatorial district; Nelson M. Brown, of Canaan, for the seventeenth senatorial district; Samuel Babcock, of Middletown, for the eighteenth senatorial district; Smith Ventres, of Haddam, for the nineteenth senatorial district; Marcus Woodward, of Somers, for the twentieth senatorial district; Erastus Kingsbury, of Coventry, for the twenty-first senatorial district, be, and hereby are appointed commissioners to act with the comptroller and treasurer of the state as a board of equalization for 1867, and to perform all other duties required by an act in addition to and in alteration of "An Act for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes," passed May session, A. D. 1866; and if they, or either of them, shall for any cause be unable to perform the duties of said office, the comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to fill said vacancy.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[168.]

PROVIDING FOR THE ENGROSSMENT OF BILLS FOR PUBLIC ACTS
AFTER THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all bills for public acts passed by the two houses of this general assembly which have not been engrossed prior to the passage of this resolution, shall be forthwith transmitted to the governor for his approval; and,

if approved by him, he shall sign the same, endorsing his approval thereon, and transmit said bills, so signed, endorsed and approved, to the secretary of state, and such bills shall thereafter be engrossed by the secretary of state, and when so engrossed shall receive the signatures of the presiding officers of the two houses, and of the governor, in the manner provided in "An Act relating to the General Assembly," being Title XXIX of the General Statutes. And said bills for public acts so passed, signed and approved by the governor, shall have and be, from and after their said approval, of the same force and validity as if they had been engrossed and signed by the presiding officers of the two houses in the presence of the two houses respectively, prior to the adjournment of the general assembly, and shall be public acts and laws of this state, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[164.]

PROVIDING FOR THE ENGROSSING OF BILLS FOR PRIVATE ACTS
AFTER THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all bills for private acts which shall have been passed by the two houses of this general assembly, but which shall not have been engrossed prior to the passage of this resolution, shall be forthwith transmitted to the governor for his approval; and, if approved by him, he shall sign the same, endorsing his approval thereon, and transmit said bills, so signed and approved, to the secretary of state, and such bills shall thereafter be engrossed by the secretary of state, and when so engrossed shall receive the signatures of the clerks of the two houses, and of the governor, in the manner provided by "An Act relating to the General Assembly," being Title XXIX of the General Statutes. And such bills, so passed, approved, engrossed and signed, shall have the same force

and validity, from and after the date of approval, as if they had severally been engrossed and signed prior to the adjournment of this assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

(87.)

RELATING TO A NAVY YARD AT NEW LONDON, &C.

Whereas, The city of New London has offered to the United States, as a gift, three miles of shore line on the Thames river, with all the land adjacent thereto which may be required for an iron clad navy yard; *and whereas*, a "competent board of officers," appointed under an act of Congress, in 1862, charged with the special duty of selecting the most eligible site for the purpose, after a "thorough examination and survey of League Island," of "the harbor of New London and its surroundings," and "the waters of Narragansett Bay," made report that "the public interest will not be promoted by acquiring title to League Island for naval purposes," and "that the harbor of New London possesses greater advantages for a navy yard and naval depot than any other location examined by this board." *And whereas*, in 1864, the committee on naval affairs, of the house of representatives, "after a very thorough and careful consideration of the whole subject," concurred with the "board of officers" in their report, and recommended the acceptance of New London instead of League Island. *And whereas*, the house of representatives of the United States have, during the present session, passed an act, authorizing the secretary of the navy to accept title to League Island on certain conditions, to the exclusion of all other sites, notwithstanding the two reports thus made against its acceptance. *And whereas*, it is of national importance that the best site

for the proposed navy yard should be secured by the United States ; therefore,

Resolved, That we do earnestly request our senators and representatives in Congress to use every proper effort to obtain the passage of an act, whereby the comparative merits of each site offered for the purpose may be ascertained, with a view to the adoption of that one by which the public interest will be best promoted.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be transmitted to the senators and representatives from this state.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[2.]

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOSTON, HARTFORD AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly :—SEC. 1. That the proceedings of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company, whereby by indenture dated March nineteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, they conveyed their railroad and property in mortgage to Robert H. Berdell, Dudley S. Gregory and John C. Bancroft Davis, trustees of the bondholders in said mortgage mentioned, to secure the holders of said bonds the payment of the same, are hereby ratified and confirmed; and said company is authorized to create, issue and dispose of the mortgage bonds to be secured thereby, in form and manner as in said mortgage is provided.

SEC. 2. Whenever and as soon as any bonds authorized to be issued under said indenture shall be created, issued, negotiated and sold, the holders of the six per cent. bonds issued by the Boston and New York Central Railroad Company, secured by their mortgage dated March seventh, eighteen hundred and

fifty-four, and the holders of the six per cent. bonds and mortgage notes issued by the New York and Boston Railroad Company, and secured by their mortgage dated December thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and each of them, shall have the right within two years from the time when any of said bonds under said indenture shall be created, issued, negotiated and sold, to exchange their said bonds or mortgage notes for the bonds to be issued under said indenture, upon the following terms, to wit: Upon the surrender to the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company of the said bonds of the Boston and New York Central Railroad Company, or of the said bonds or mortgage notes of the New York and Boston Railroad Company, in sums of not less than one thousand dollars, with all the unpaid coupons, the said Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company shall give in exchange a seven per cent. Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad bond for one thousand dollars, to be issued under said indenture, drawing interest from January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; and for all sums smaller than one thousand dollars certificates shall be issued exchangeable into said Boston, Hartford and Erie Company bonds whenever they are presented to said Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company in sums of one thousand dollars. And the holders of the seven per cent. bonds issued by the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company and secured by their mortgage dated February second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and each of them shall have the right, within the same time, to exchange their said bonds for the bonds to be issued under said indenture, upon the following terms, to wit: Upon the surrender to said Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company of said bonds of said Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company, with all the unpaid coupons, the said Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company shall give in exchange seven per cent. Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad bonds, to be issued under said indenture for the amount so surrendered, with certificates as aforesaid for all sums smaller than one thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. Said mortgage shall be recorded in the office of the

secretary of this state, which shall be a sufficient recording of the same.

Approved, May 11th, 1866.

[17.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE NAUGATUCK RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That all lands and wharves in the city of Bridgeport, heretofore purchased by and conveyed to, and now used and occupied by the Naugatuck Railroad Company for depot grounds, side tracks, repair shops, and other railroad purposes, be, and are hereby approved and established as the depot grounds of said company; and that said company is hereby authorized to use, occupy and improve said lands and wharves for the sole and exclusive benefit of its railroad business; also to exercise and enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges with reference to that part of its railroad and said depot grounds in Bridgeport, which said company is now authorized to exercise and enjoy with reference to that part of its railroad and its depot grounds between the towns of Milford and Winchester.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[22.]

INCORPORATING THE NEW CANAAN RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Samuel St. John, Alexander Law, Charles Benedict, Andrew R. Comstock, John

R. Gilder, Noah W. Hoyt, and Lucius M. Monroe of New Canaan, in Fairfield county, and Joseph B. Hoyt and Joseph D. Warren, of Stamford, in said county, with such other persons as shall associate with them for that purpose, are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the New Canaan Railroad Company, and by that name to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court in this state, and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter, or renew at pleasure; and the company is hereby vested with all powers, privileges and immunities which are or may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes and objects of this act as herein set forth; and said company is hereby authorized and empowered to locate, construct and finally complete a single, double, or treble railroad or way, from some suitable point in the town of New Canaan to some suitable point at tide water in the towns of Stamford, Darien or Norwalk, in Fairfield county, and to transport, take and carry property and passengers upon said railroad or way by the power and force of steam, of animals, or of any mechanical or other power, or of any combination of them, which said company may choose to apply; and for the purposes of constructing said railroad or way the said company is hereby authorized to lay out their road not exceeding six rods wide through the whole length; and for the purposes of cuttings and embankments, and for the purpose of necessary turn-outs and depot buildings, and for obtaining stone and gravel, may take as much more land as may be necessary for the proper construction and security of said railroad; and if necessary the said railroad company may, in the construction of their said road, cross, intersect or connect with any other railroad, and may construct their road across or upon the same; *provided*, that if said company shall desire to make any such crossing, intersection or connection it shall at first agree with the railroad company whose road it so desires to cross, intersect or connect with, in reference to the place and manner of such connection, intersection or crossing, if able so to do; but if unable so to agree, said company may, on giving at least one week's notice thereof to such railroad company in writing,

apply to the railroad commissioners to have the place and manner of such connection, intersection or crossing fixed and determined by them, and the action of said railroad commissioners in the premises shall be final; *provided further*, that in so doing and constructing their said road across or upon any other railroad, or in connecting therewith, they shall not change, or in anywise alter the grade or line of the same; *provided*, that all damage that may be occasioned to any person or corporation by the taking of any such land or materials aforesaid for the purpose aforesaid, shall be paid for by said company.

SEC. 2. That the capital stock of said company shall be one hundred thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing the same to two hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of fifty dollars each.

SEC. 3. That the persons named in the first section hereof, or a majority of them, shall open books to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, at such times and places as they, or a majority of them, may appoint, and shall give such notice of the times and places of opening said books as they may deem reasonable, and shall receive such subscriptions under such regulations as they may adopt for the purpose; and if two thousand shares of stock shall be subscribed they shall have the power to make the shares so subscribed the capital stock of the company; *provided*, they shall not exceed four thousand shares; and in case the subscription shall exceed four thousand shares, the same shall be reduced and apportioned in such manner as may be deemed most beneficial to the corporation and the public interests. And after the books of subscription to the capital stock of said company are closed, they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the stockholders of said company, in such way and at such time and place as they may appoint, for the choice of directors of said company. And in all meetings of the stockholders of said company, each share shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote, which vote may be given by said stockholder in person or by lawful proxy.

SEC. 4. That if said company shall not expend the sum of

fifty thousand dollars upon said railroad or way within two years from the rising of this assembly, or if they shall not construct and complete, and put in operation a single, double or treble railroad or way within four years after the passage of this act, then the rights, privileges and powers of this corporation shall be null and void.

SEC. 5. That the said company have all the powers and privileges, and be subjected to all the duties, liabilities and other provisions contained in the statute laws of this state relating to railroad companies.

SEC. 6. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

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[23.]

INCORPORATING THE SOUTH MANCHESTER RAILROAD COMPANY.

Upon the petition of Charles Cheeney and others :

Resolved by this Assembly :— SEC. 1. That Charles Cheney, of the town of Hartford, John Cheney, Ralph Cheney, Ward Cheney, Rush Cheney and Frank Cheney, all of the town of Manchester, with such other persons as shall associate with them for the purposes hereof, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "South Manchester Railroad Company," and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court; may make and have a common seal, and break, alter or renew the same at pleasure. Said corporation is hereby vested with all powers, privileges and immunities which are or may be necessary or proper to carry into effect the purposes and objects of this resolution, as hereinafter set forth. And said company is hereby authorized and empowered to locate, construct, complete, manage and use a single, double or treble railroad or way, from some suitable

point at or near the post office in the village of South Manchester, to the station of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, at North Manchester, in the town of Manchester, over and across the lands and highways named in said petition, or by other feasible and convenient route, and to transport, take and carry property and persons upon said railroad or way, by such steam, mechanical, animal or other power as said company may choose to apply. And the said company is hereby vested with all the powers and privileges conferred and granted, and is made subject to all the duties, conditions and requirements imposed by sections 443 to 546, inclusive, of the act entitled "An Act concerning Communities and Corporations," except that it shall not be necessary for said corporation to choose a board of more than five directors.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said company shall be forty thousand dollars, with liberty to increase the same to sixty thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 3. The persons named in the first section hereof, or a majority of them, shall open books to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said company at such time and place as a majority of them may appoint, and shall give such notice thereof as they may deem reasonable, and shall receive such subscriptions under such regulations as they may adopt for that purpose. And in case the subscriptions shall exceed the amount of four hundred shares, the same shall be reduced and apportioned in such a manner as shall be deemed just and equitable.

SEC. 4. The persons named in the first section, or a majority of them, shall call the first meeting of the stockholders of said company, in such manner and at such time and place as they shall appoint, to choose directors and perfect the organization of said corporation. And in all meetings of the stockholders each share of stock shall entitle its holder to one vote, which vote may be cast by the stockholders in person or by lawful proxy.

SEC. 5. In case it shall so happen that an election of direct-

ors shall not be made on the day appointed by the by-laws of said company, such company shall not for that reason be dissolved, but such election may be held at any subsequent meeting of the stockholders, specially warned and held for that purpose by the directors last elected.

SEC. 6. When the lands of any *feme covert*, *cestui que trust*, infant or *non compos mentis* shall be necessary for the construction of said road, said lands may be taken, on giving notice to the husband of such *feme covert*, the trustee of any such *cestui que trust*, the guardian of such infant, and the conservator of such *non compos mentis*, and they respectively may release all damages for any lands taken as aforesaid, as freely as they might do, if the same were holden in their own right respectively.

SEC. 7. Said corporation may purchase, receive and hold in fee simple or otherwise, at their pleasure, such real estate as may be necessary or convenient in order to accomplish the objects and purposes of this act; and may make any lawful contract with any other company relating to the business of either of said corporations, and may lease their road or any part thereof to, or operate their road or any part thereof with, or merge and make common stock with any other railroad company having railway connections therewith.

SEC. 8. In case of the increase of the capital stock of said company, as provided in the second section of this resolution, the directors of said company shall proceed to receive subscriptions for such amount of increased capital stock as they may determine upon, in the same manner and subject to the provisions mentioned in the third section of this act; *provided however*, that the stockholders of the company, at the time of such increase, shall be first entitled to subscribe for such increased capital stock, in proportion to the number of shares of old stock then held by each of such stockholders.

SEC. 9. That if said company shall not expend the sum of ten thousand dollars upon said railroad or way within four years from the rising of this assembly, or if they shall not construct and operate said road within five years from the passage

of this act, then the rights, privileges and powers of said corporation shall be null and void.

SEC. 10. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

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AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE BRIDGEPORT HORSE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That authority be, and the same is hereby given to the Bridgeport Horse Railroad Company, to extend, lay and complete the track of their road through and along certain streets of the city of Bridgeport, as follows, to wit: from the present northerly limit of said track in Main street, at the intersection of East Washington avenue, along said Main street to North avenue; also, from the present southerly limit of said track in Main street, at the corner of State street, along said Main street to South street, thence along South street to Broad street, with a branch track or tracks not exceeding two in number, along South avenue to the Naugatuck Railroad dock; also, along East Main street from and connecting with the present track in East Washington avenue to North avenue; also along East Main street from and connecting with the present track in East Washington avenue to Stratford avenue. Said extensions of said track to be provided with suitable and convenient side tracks, turnouts and switches, and the whole to be done under the supervision and direction of the common council of said city, as provided in the charter of said company.

SEC. 2. No car or cars run upon said road shall be driven upon or across the track of the New York and New Haven Railroad at any point within said city where said horse rail-

road intersects or crosses said railroad, until the drivers of such car or cars shall have been signaled, by the conductor going upon or near the track of said railroad, that the same is clear, and may be crossed with safety.

Approved, June 6th, 1866.

[41.]

INCORPORATING THE SUFFIELD AND WINDSOR LOCKS RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Daniel W. Norton, Henry P. Kent, Aretus Rising, Samuel Austin, Henry Fuller, Albert Austin, Silas W. Clark, William L. Loomis, Martin J. Sheldon, Byron Loomis, I. Luther Spencer, John M. Hathaway, John P. Ingraham, James B. Rose, Burdett Loomis, Parkes Loomis and Henry Endress, all of the town of Suffield; Lucius B. Chapman, William Mather and Freeman M. Brown, all of the town of Windsor Locks, with such other persons as shall associate with them for the purposes hereof, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the “Suffield and Windsor Locks Railroad Company,” and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court; may make and have a common seal, and break, alter or renew the same at pleasure, and shall be and are hereby vested with all powers, privileges and immunities which are or may be necessary or proper to carry into effect the purposes and objects of this resolution, as hereinafter set forth. Said company is hereby authorized and empowered to locate, construct, complete, manage and use a single or a double railroad or way from some suitable point in the highway at or near the house of William Fuller, in the town of Suffield, to a suitable point at or near the station of the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company, in the town of Windsor Locks, with liberty to extend said road if said company should at any

time deem it advisable, in a southerly direction, over and along the highway in said Windsor Locks, to a point in said highway near the dwelling house of Mrs. E. G. Hayden, in said town, said road to be built over and upon the highway or highways, on the direct route between said termini hereinbefore mentioned and over and upon lands of the Hartford and New Haven Railroad Company, the Connecticut River Company, Roland Loomis, L. B. Chapman, heirs of H. & H. Haskell, Terry and T. W. Rowley, or by some other feasible and convenient route, and to transport, take and carry property and persons upon said railroad or way, by the power of steam, of animals, or of any other power which said company may choose to apply; *provided*, that whenever other power shall be used it shall only be used in connection with a locomotive engine commonly called a dummy engine. And said company may construct and lay down such turn-outs, switches and connections as may be necessary and convenient for the full enjoyment of said railroad. *Provided however*, that such railway shall not be constructed over any highways or bridges within the limits of said Suffield and Windsor Locks, without the consent of the selectmen of the town having charge of such respective highways or bridges. Said road shall be laid out and located by the said company, subject to the written approval of a majority of the railroad commissioners.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall, in all cases in which their railway is located in the traveled part of the highway, keep and maintain all their part of the highway over which their railway is laid, together with a space two feet on each side of their track, in good and sufficient repair, without expense to the towns having charge of said highways, and shall also make good all damage to any highways in said towns of Suffield and Windsor Locks over which their road or way shall pass, caused by the construction of such road or way. And all such highways shall be left, on the completion of said railway, in as good condition as they were when the same was located thereon. And if it shall be necessary when said railroad is built for the accommodation of public travel, to widen any of said high-

ways in consequence of the building of said railway thereon, said widening shall be done at the expense of said company.

SEC. 3. The said company is hereby vested with all the powers and privileges conferred and granted, and is made subject to all the duties, conditions and requirements imposed by sections 443 to 546, inclusive, of the act entitled "An Act concerning Communities and Corporations;" but until said corporation, by a vote of its directors or otherwise, shall elect and determine to use steam as a motive power upon said railroad, and while said road shall be operated by animal power alone, said company shall not be liable to pay to, or deposit for the use of, or secure to the acceptance of the owners of the fee of the highways, or the owners of lands adjoining the highways over which said railroad is located, the appraisal of damages for the use of said highways, or of the fee therein, or any appraisal of damages to the lands of said adjoining proprietors arising from the use of said highway by said company. Whenever said company shall use steam as a motive power upon said road, said appraisal shall be paid to or deposited for the use of the parties in whose favor damages have been appraised, or secured to their acceptance.

SEC. 4. The capital stock of said company shall be ninety thousand dollars, with liberty to increase the same to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 5. The persons named in the first section hereof, or a majority of them, shall open books to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, at such time and place as a majority of them may appoint, and shall give such notice thereof as they may deem reasonable, and shall receive said subscriptions under such regulations as they may adopt for that purpose; and in case the subscriptions shall exceed the amount of nine hundred shares, the same shall be reduced and apportioned in such a manner as shall be deemed just and equitable.

SEC. 6. In case of the increase of the capital stock of said company, as provided in the fourth section of this resolution,

the directors of said company shall proceed to receive subscriptions for such amount of increased capital stock as they may determine upon, in the same manner and subject to the provisions mentioned in the fifth section of this act; *provided however*, that the stockholders of the company, at the time of such increase, shall be first entitled to subscribe for such increased capital stock in proportion to the number of shares of old stock then held by each of such stockholders.

SEC. 7. The persons mentioned in the first section, or a majority of them, shall call the first meeting of the stockholders of said company, in such manner and at such time and place as they shall appoint, to choose directors and perfect the organization of said corporation. And in all meetings of the stockholders each share of stock shall entitle its holder to one vote, which vote may be cast by the stockholder in person or by lawful prior.

SEC. 8. In case it shall so happen that an election of directors shall not be made on the day appointed by the by-laws of said company, such company shall not for that reason be dissolved, but such an election may be held at any subsequent meeting of the stockholders, specially warned and held for that purpose by the directors last elected.

SEC. 9. When the lands of any *feme covert*, *cestui que trust*, infant or *non compos mentis*, shall be necessary for the construction of said road, said lands may be taken on giving notice to the husband of such *feme covert*, the trustee of any such *cestui que trust*, the guardian of such infant, and the conservator of such *non compos mentis*. And they respectively may release all damages for any lands taken as aforesaid, as fully as they might do if the same were holden in their own right respectively.

SEC. 10. Said corporation may purchase, receive and hold, in fee simple or otherwise, at their pleasure, such real estate as may be necessary or convenient, in order to accomplish the objects and purposes of this act; and may make any lawful contract with any other company relating to the business of either of said corporations, and may lease their road, or any

part thereof, to, or operate their road, or any part thereof, with, or merge and make common stock with any other railroad company having railway connection therewith.

SEC. 11. That if said company shall not expend the sum of ten thousand dollars upon said railroad or way within two years from the rising of this assembly, or if they shall not construct and operate said road within four years from the passage of this act, then the rights, privileges and powers of said corporation shall be null and void.

SEC. 12. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 6th, 1866.

[43.]

CONCERNING THE BOSTON, HARTFORD AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company may make with the Erie Railroad Company, a corporation existing in the state of New York, and with any railway company whose track shall intersect or connect with the railway of said Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company, at any of the termini of its chartered lines in the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, or New York, any contract it is by section four of its charter authorized to make with any railroad company, whether said Erie Railway and such intersecting or connecting railway has or has not the same gauge of track as the said Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad: *provided*, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to give to said company any power to lease, unite, or make joint stock with any railroad company whose track is laid within the limits of this state.

SEC. 2. The time within which the Boston, Hartford and Erie

Railroad Company may construct its chartered lines of railways, is hereby extended to the fourth day of July, 1869.

Approved, June 6th, 1866.

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INCORPORATING "THE ROCKVILLE AND SPRINGFIELD RAILROAD COMPANY."

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Lorin Gowdy, Edward Pricket, H. Leverett Gowdy, and Franklin Smith of the town of Enfield, in Hartford county; Pliny C. Allen and Francis Gowdy of the town of East Windsor, in said county; John L. King, George R. Townsley, A. D. Briggs, D. L. Harris, A. S. Dwelly, and Hamilton F. Downing of the town of Springfield, in the state of Massachusetts; Tudor Gowdy, Ansel Arnold, Sanford M. Billings, L. E. Pease, Jabez Collins and William H. Kibbee, of the town of Somers, in Tolland county; George Kellogg, E. B. Preston, George Talcott, J. J. Robinson, A. P. Hammond, and Joseph Seldon of the town of Vernon, in said Tolland county; with such other persons as shall associate with them for that purpose, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Rockville and Springfield Railroad Company," and by that name to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court in this state, have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at pleasure; and said company is hereby vested with all powers, privileges and immunities which are or may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes and objects of this act, as herein set forth. And said company is hereby authorized and empowered to locate, construct, complete, maintain and use a single, double or treble railroad or way from some suitable point on the "Rockville Branch Railroad," near the village of Rockville, in the town of Vernon, through the towns of

Vernon and Ellington, or Ellington and East Windsor, to the town of Enfield, and thence through the town of Enfield, or the towns of Enfield and Somers, as said company, when duly organized, shall in lawful meeting held for that purpose decide, to the Massachusetts state line, there to connect and unite with a railroad to be constructed from the town of Springfield, in said Massachusetts, to said state line. And said company is further hereby authorized and empowered to take, transport and carry property and passengers upon said railroad or way, by the power and force of steam, animals or any other power, or any combination of them. And for the purpose of constructing said railroad the said company is hereby authorized to lay out its road not exceeding six rods in width through its entire length, and to take and occupy for the purpose of cuttings, embankments, turnouts and depot buildings, and for the purpose of obtaining stone, earth and gravel, as much more land as may, in its judgment, be necessary and proper. *Provided*, that all damage that may be occasioned to any person or corporation by the taking and occupying of any and all such lands and materials as aforesaid, shall be paid for by said railroad company.

SEC. 2. That the capital stock of said company shall be three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing the same to five hundred thousand, if it shall so desire. Said capital shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each. And in all stockholders' meetings each share of stock shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote, which vote may be cast by said holder or by his lawful proxy.

SEC. 3. That the persons named in the first section hereof, or a majority of them, shall open books to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, at such times and places as they judge proper, and shall give notice of said times and places, by publishing the same in a newspaper printed in Hartford and Springfield, at least ten days before said books are opened, and shall receive said subscriptions under such regulations and upon such conditions as they see fit to adopt; and when said subscriptions shall amount to or exceed one thousand shares, said corporators, or a majority of them, may call the

first stockholders' meeting of said company, in such way, with such notice and at such time and place as they shall judge proper, for the choice of directors and other officers of said company. *Provided*, that said corporators shall not receive any subscription to said capital stock, unless they, or a majority of them, are fully satisfied that the same is made in good faith, and by parties having the purpose and ability to pay in full for all the stock for which they shall offer to subscribe; *and provided further*, that if said subscriptions shall exceed five thousand shares in all, the same may be reduced and apportioned by said corporators, or a majority of them, in such manner as they may deem most beneficial to said company and the public.

SEC. 4. That said company is hereby authorized and empowered to make any lawful contract with any other railroad company with whose road its road may connect, in relation to the business or property of the same; and may take a lease of any railroad, or lease its railroad to or make joint stock with any other railroad company, whose road shall connect with the one which said company is hereby authorized to construct.

SEC. 5. When the lands of any *feme covert*, infant, or any *non compos mentis*, shall be necessary for the construction of said road, said lands may be taken, on giving notice to the husband of such *feme covert*, the guardian of such infant, and the conservator of such *non compos mentis*; and they may respectively release all damages for any lands taken as aforesaid, as freely as they might do if the same were holden in their own right.

SEC. 6. That if said company shall not expend the sum of fifty thousand dollars upon said railroad or way within two years from the rising of this assembly, or if they shall not construct and complete and put in operation a single, double, or treble railroad or way within four years after the passage of this act, then the rights, privileges, and powers of this corporation shall be null and void.

SEC. 7. That the said company have all the powers and privileges, and be subjected to all the duties, liabilities, and

other provisions contained in the statute laws of this state, relating to railroad companies.

SEC. 8. That this act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 8th, 1866.

[67.]

INCORPORATING THE SALISBURY RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Alexander H. Holley, William H. Barnum, George Coffing, Albert Moore, Horace Landon, Lorenzo Tupper, Samuel S. Robbins, William P. Burrall, with such other persons as shall associate with them for the purpose hereinafter set forth, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the “Salisbury Railroad Company,” and by that name to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court in this state, to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at pleasure. And the company is hereby vested with all powers, privileges and immunities which are or may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes and objects of this act herein set forth. And said company is hereby authorized and empowered to locate, construct and finally complete a single, double or treble railway or railroad, from some suitable point on the line or boundary between the states of Connecticut and New York, in the town of Salisbury, thence extending easterly through the said town of Salisbury to the line or boundary between this state and Massachusetts, at some suitable point in said Salisbury, in such route as shall be deemed most expedient; and to transport, take and carry property and persons upon said railroad or way, by force and power of steam or of animals, or of any mechanical or other power, or of any combination of them, which said company may choose to apply. And for the purpose of constructing said railroad or way, the said company is

hereby authorized to lay out their road, not exceeding six rods wide, through the whole length, and for the purposes of cutting and embankments, and for the purpose of necessary station-houses and buildings, turnouts, and for obtaining stone and gravel, may take as much more land as may be necessary for the proper construction and security of said road. *Provided*, that all damages which may be occasioned to any person or persons by the taking of any such land or materials aforesaid, for the purpose aforesaid, shall be paid for by said company in manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. That the capital stock of said company shall be five hundred thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing the same to seven hundred thousand dollars, and to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which shares shall be deemed personal property, and be transferable in such manner and at such places as the by-laws of said company shall direct.

SEC. 3. That the persons named in the first section hereof, or a majority of them, shall open books to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, and at such times and places as they, or a majority of them, may appoint, and shall give such notice of the times and places of opening such books as they may deem reasonable, and shall receive said subscriptions under such regulations as they may adopt for the purpose.

SEC. 4. That the immediate government and direction of the affairs of the company shall be vested in a board of not less than nine directors, who shall be chosen by the stockholders of said company in the manner hereinafter provided, and shall hold their offices until others are duly elected and qualified to take their places as directors; and the said directors (a majority of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business) shall elect one of their number to be president of their board, who shall also be president of said company. They shall also choose a clerk, who shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of his duty, and a treasurer, who shall give bonds with surety to said company, in such sum as the said by-laws may require, for the faithful discharge of his trust.

SEC. 5. That the persons authorized by the third section of this act to open the books for the subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, are hereby authorized, after said books are closed, to call the first meeting of the stockholders of said company, in such way and at such time and place as they may appoint, for the choice of directors of said company, and in all meetings of the stockholders of said company each share shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote, which vote may be given by said stockholder in person or by lawful proxy; and the annual meeting of the stockholders of said company, for the choice of directors, shall be holden at such time and place, and upon such notice, as said company in their by-laws may prescribe.

SEC. 6. That in case it shall so happen that an election of directors shall not be made on any day appointed by the by-laws of said company, said company shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but such election may be holden on any day which shall be appointed by the directors of said company; and said directors shall have power to fill any vacancy which may occur by death, resignation or otherwise.

SEC. 7. That the directors shall have full power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules and regulations as they shall deem needful and proper, touching the disposition and management of the stock, property, estate and effects of said company, not contrary to this charter, or the laws of this state or of the United States, the transfer of shares, the duties and conduct of their officers and their servants, touching the election and meetings of the directors, and all matters whatsoever which may appertain to the concerns of said company. Said company is also hereby empowered to purchase and hold, and use, anywhere upon the line of said road, or otherwise, materials, engines, cars and other necessary things, in the name of said corporation, for the use of said railroad, and for the transportation of persons, goods and merchandise; and to purchase, receive and hold such real estate as may be necessary and convenient in accomplishing the object for which this incorporation is granted; and may by their agents, surveyors, engineers

and servants enter upon such route or places as may be designated by the directors; and when so surveyed, the same shall be approved by the railroad commissioners, but prior to said approval said commissioners shall give such notice as they shall deem reasonable to the persons whose lands may have been taken, to enable them to present objections which they may think proper to make to such location of such road.

SEC. 8. Said corporation shall have all the powers, and shall be subject to all the liabilities and restrictions conferred or imposed upon railroad companies, as prescribed by the General Statutes of this state in the revision of 1866, in relation to railroads.

SEC. 9. Said company is hereby empowered to make any lawful contract with any other railroad or railroads now in existence, or which may hereafter be created and constructed in or out of this state, with which railroad or railroads said company's track may connect, in relation to the business and property of the same; and may take a lease or leases of any such railroad or railroads, or may lease their railroad to or make joint stock with any such connecting railroad or railroads.

SEC. 10. That whenever the land or estate of any person, or of any *feme covert*, infant, person *non compos mentis*, *cestui que trust*, or person out of this state, shall be required for the purposes of said railroad, the notice to be given to such persons of a proposed laying out of said railroad, or location thereof upon said land or estate, or of an application by said company for the appointment of appraisers, or of an appraisal of said land or estate, may be such reasonable notice as shall be prescribed and ordered by some judge of the superior court, as prescribed by section four hundred and seventy-five of the General Statutes, revision of 1866, page one hundred and eighty-seven. And such notice, duly given in the manner so prescribed by such judge, shall be deemed sufficient notice to such persons. The husband of any such *feme covert*, the guardian of any such infant, the trustee of any such *cestui que trust*, and the conservator of any such person *non compos mentis*, respectively, may, in behalf of that person, release all

damages for any lands or estate taken as aforesaid, as effectually as they might respectively do if the same were holden in their own right respectively. *Provided*, that if said corporation shall locate and construct their said railroad or way over, through or upon any vein, deposit or bed of iron ore, such location and construction shall not deprive the proprietors thereof of the right to dig, excavate and take away such ore, under such restrictions and regulations as may be prescribed by the general railroad commissioners.

SEC. 11. If said corporation shall not expend the sum of one hundred thousand dollars upon said railroad within three years from the passage of this act, or if they shall not construct said railroad and put the same in operation within five years from the passage of this act, then this act shall be null and void.

SEC. 12. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[71.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE FAIR HAVEN AND WESTVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the charter of the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad Company be, and the same is hereby so amended, as that said corporation be, and hereby is authorized to collect and receive six cents fare, in lieu of five cents, in all cases as heretofore authorized by the charter of said company, and that no additional charge shall be made by said company in consequence of any state or federal tax that has been or may be laid.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

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AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE DANBURY AND NORWALK RAIL-
ROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Danbury and Norwalk Railroad Company be, and the same is hereby authorized to extend the line of its railroad from some suitable point on the line of said road, in the town of Norwalk, to some suitable point at tide water in said town, between the mouth of Norwalk river and the mouth of Five Mile river, and to construct a single, double, or treble railroad or way in and upon said extended line, with the same dimensions and the same power of entering upon and taking lands as in the original and amended charters of said company and by the statute laws of the state of Connecticut is provided, and subject to all the limitations and responsibilities attaching to railroad companies by the statute laws of the state of Connecticut relating to such companies. *Provided,* that the general railroad commissioners, before finally locating said extended road across the track of the New York and New Haven Railroad Company, shall give reasonable notice to said last named company to appear, if they see cause, before said commissioners, and be heard relative to said final location and the manner of crossing said track; and the determination of said commissioners as to said location and manner of crossing shall be conclusive.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

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AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE NEW HAVEN AND WEST HAVEN
HORSE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. The New Haven and West Haven Horse Railroad Company are hereby authorized

to locate, lay out, extend, construct, and operate their horse railroad, in such way as may be convenient for them, from the present eastern terminus of their route "at or near the easterly end of the new bridge" lately constructed over West river, through, over and upon the routes and streets following in New Haven, namely:—through Kimberly avenue to Howard avenue, thence through Howard avenue to Washington street, thence through Washington street to Congress avenue, thence through Congress avenue to Church street, thence through Church street to Chapel street; also from Howard avenue through Columbus street to West Water street, and through West Water street to Custom House Square, to a point near the freight depot of the New York and New Haven Railroad Company; also from West Water street, at its point of intersection with Meadow street, through Meadow street to Congress avenue, at its point of intersection with George and Church streets. Also, through, over and upon the route and streets following in the town of Orange, namely:—from the present terminus of their route at the foot of Third avenue, upon and over the land of James H. Reynolds, entering said land near the corner of the "Old Cemetery," so called, and bearing in a southerly direction over and upon the lands of James H. Reynolds, William T. Reynolds, David A. Benjamin, Mrs. David A. Benjamin, Mary Kimberly, Lewis Fitch, Joel Hinman, Warren O. Nettleton, Roger Alling, Jerome Newton, the town of Orange, and others, to a point near the house of Jerome Newton, near the sea-shore, and thence in a southwesterly direction over the shore road to a point at or near the Savin Rock House, so called.

SEC. 2. Whenever said corporation shall lawfully locate any part of its road upon the land of any person outside of the limits of any highway, said corporation may take and appropriate for the purposes of its road such and so much of said land as said corporation may see fit, not exceeding fifty feet in width in any place; and may purchase and hold, in fee or otherwise, the land so taken; and if said corporation shall not

agree with the owner or owners of any land to be taken for the purposes of its railroad upon the price to be paid therefor, or upon the amount of damages to be paid for the taking thereof, then said corporation may obtain such land in the manner provided by the four hundred and seventy-fifth section of the statute entitled "An Act concerning Communities and Corporations," for the taking of land by railroad companies upon an appraisal of damages; which last named section of said statute is hereby made applicable in all respects to the cases contemplated by this section of this act. Any judge of the superior court may make such order as he may deem reasonable in regard to the notice which shall be given of an application for the appointment of appraisers in any such case; and such notice, given in accordance with the requirements of such order, shall be deemed and held sufficient.

SEC. 3. If, at any time within ten years after said horse-railroad shall have been constructed from said easterly end of said new bridge to the corner of Church and Chapel streets, as aforesaid, the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad Company shall elect to use, in common with said New Haven and West Haven Horse Railroad Company, that portion of the road of said last named corporation hereby located from Lafayette street to Chapel street, the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad Company shall have the right so to use said portion of said road on just and reasonable terms; *provided however*, that if said corporations shall not be able to agree with each other upon such terms, then the superior court for New Haven county shall, upon the application of either party, upon reasonable notice to the other party, fix and prescribe such terms; and the action of said court in so fixing and prescribing such terms shall be final and obligatory upon both parties.

SEC. 4. If said New Haven and West Haven Horse Railroad Company shall not construct and put in operation the said railroad from said easterly end of said new bridge to the corner of Church and Chapel streets within two years from the rising of this general assembly, then this act shall be void.

SEC. 5. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[100.]

RELATING TO THE STATION OF THE NEW YORK AND NEW HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, IN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the New York and New Haven Railroad Company are hereby required to make such alterations in the lighting and accommodations of their station in the city of New Haven, within six months from the passage of this resolution, as will meet the approval of a committee to consist of the mayor of the city of New Haven and four members of the general assembly.

Resolved, That the aforesaid committee on the part of the general assembly shall consist of one senator and three representatives.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[105.]

INCORPORATING THE CONNECTICUT WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That E. Grove Lawrence, William W. Welch, John R. Hopkins, Roscoe Taft, Norman Kellogg, William G. Coe, Theron Bronson, James F. Henderson, William L. Gilbert, John T. Rockwell, and such other persons as they shall associate with them for that purpose, and their successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the “Connecticut Western Railroad Company,” and by that name to sue and be sued, plead and be

impleaded in any court in this state, to have and make a common seal, and the same to alter or renew at pleasure; said company is also authorized to locate, construct and complete a railway, with one or more tracks, from a point commencing at or near the present terminus of the Canal Railroad in the town of Canton, in the village of Collinsville, in Hartford county, thence running westerly through the towns of New Hartford, Torrington or Barkhamsted, Winchester, Norfolk and North Canaan, to Massachusetts state line, there to connect with a proposed railroad running to Sheffield, a station on the Housatonic or Berkshire Railroad, and then to connect with a railroad through the town of Salisbury to the New York state line; and to transport and carry passengers and property upon such railway by the power of steam or other force; and is vested with all powers, privileges and immunities, and is created subject to the statute laws of this state passed, or that may be passed regarding or affecting railroad companies. Said company is also authorized to construct and operate a railway in the state of Massachusetts in connection with, and as a part of its railway line, provided such authority shall be granted in said state so to do. It may also make any lawful contract with any other railroad company with whose railway its track may connect or intersect in relation to its business or property, and may take lease of the property and franchise of, or lease its property and franchise to, or make joint stock with any such railway company, and any company having any such connecting or intersecting railway, may make with this company the contracts aforesaid.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of this company shall be one million dollars, with the privilege of increasing the same to one million five hundred thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 3. The persons named in the first section, or a majority of them, shall open books of subscription to the capital stock of said company, at such times and places as a majority of such corporators may appoint, and shall give such notice of the time and place of opening such books as they shall deem reasonable;

and receive subscriptions for the capital stock under such regulations as they adopt; and may organize said company when ten thousand shares are subscribed; and in case the subscriptions exceed ten thousand shares, the same shall be reduced and apportioned in such manner as a majority of such persons opening said books deem best; a majority of such persons opening said books are hereby authorized, after the subscription and distribution of stock as aforesaid, to call the first meeting of stockholders in such way, and at such time and place, as they may appoint, for the choice of directors, at which meeting so called, directors shall be chosen, in number and manner provided by law. In case it shall so happen that an election of directors shall not be made on any day appointed by the by-laws of said company, the then board shall continue in office until a new board is elected at a meeting called by authority of the by-laws, or board of directors, or in some other lawful mode. In case any vacancy shall occur in the board of directors, or in [the] office of secretary of said company, the vacancy may be filled by the board of directors, unless otherwise provided in the by-laws of said company.

SEC. 4. If said company shall not complete the construction of the railway hereby granted on or before July fourth, A. D. 1876, then the powers herein contained shall become null and void.

SEC. 5. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[119.]

AUTHORIZING THE NORWICH AND WORCESTER RAILROAD COMPANY
TO INVEST IN STEAMBOAT STOCKS, &c.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company be, and they are hereby authorized and

empowered to invest a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars in the whole, in the stock of any steamboat company, the boats of which run between Norwich, New London and New York, or in purchasing or building steamboats to be used in connection with the business of their road.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[122.]

INCORPORATING THE SHEPAUG VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That Origen S. Seymour, Edwin McNeill, Gideon H. Hollister, Henry Coit, Edward W. Seymour, George M. Woodruff of Litchfield, Samuel Coit of Hartford, Wilson H. Clark of New Haven, Samuel J. Stoddard of Southbury, Glover Sanford of Bridgewater, Henry L. Randall of Roxbury, and Henry J. Church of Washington, with such other persons as shall associate with them for that purpose, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the “Shepaug Valley Railroad Company,” and by that name may sue, be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court; and may make and have a common seal, and break, alter, and renew the same at pleasure; and said corporation is hereby vested with all powers, privileges and immunities which are or may be necessary and proper to carry into effect the purposes and objects of this act, as herein-after set forth.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be one million dollars, and may be increased at the pleasure of said corporation, to any amount not exceeding fifteen hundred thousand dollars; and said capital stock shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 3. The persons named in the first section hereof, or a majority of them, shall open books to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said corporation, at such time or times and

place or places as they or a majority of them may appoint, and shall give such notice of the times and places of opening said books as they shall deem reasonable, and shall receive said subscriptions under such regulations as they may adopt for such purposes.

SEC. 4. The persons named in the first section hereof, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the stockholders of said corporation, in such way and at such time and places as they may appoint, whenever one hundred thousand dollars or more of the capital stock of said corporation shall have been subscribed for, to choose directors and perfect the organization of said corporation, and in all meetings of the stockholders of said corporation, each share shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote, which vote may be given by said stockholder in person or by lawful proxy; and whenever said corporation shall have been so organized, it may proceed to commence the construction of the railroad hereinafter specified.

SEC. 5. The directors shall have full power to make and prescribe such by-laws and regulations as they shall deem needful and proper, (not contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States,) touching the disposition and management of the stock, property, estate and effects of said corporation, the transfer of its shares, the duties and conduct of its officers and servants, the election and meeting of its directors, and all matters whatsoever which may appertain to the concerns of said corporation.

SEC. 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to locate, construct, and finally complete a single, double or treble railroad or way from some suitable point in the town of Litchfield through the towns of Morris, Washington, Roxbury, Bridgewater, New Milford, Southbury and Newtown, to connect with the Housatonic Railroad, at some convenient and feasible point between the centre of the towns of Newtown and New Milford; and shall have full power to equip, maintain, use and enjoy the said railroad, and to take, transport and carry property and persons thereon, by the power

of steam, of animals, or any mechanical or other power, or of any combination of them which said corporation may choose to apply. Said corporation may purchase, receive and hold, in fee simple or otherwise, at their pleasure, such real estate as may be necessary and convenient, in order to accomplish the objects and purposes of this act; and may make any lawful contract with any railroad company with whose road the track of said railroad may connect, in relation to the business or property of the same; and may take lease of any railroad, or may lease their railroad to, or may make joint stock with any connecting railroad running in the same general direction as their said railroad.

SEC. 7. Said corporation shall have all the powers and shall be subject to all of the liabilities and restrictions conferred upon or imposed upon railroad companies by the statute laws of this state.

SEC. 8. Whenever the land or estate of any *feme covert*, infant, *cestui que trust*, person *non compos mentis*, or person out of this state, shall be required for the purposes of said railroad, the notice to be given to such persons of the proposed laying out of said railroad, or location thereof upon said land or estate, or of an intended application by said corporation for the appointment of appraisers, as provided by the statute laws of this state, or of a proposed appraisal of said land or estate, may be such reasonable notice as shall be prescribed and ordered by some judge of the superior court; and such notice, duly given in the manner so prescribed by such judge, shall be deemed sufficient notice to that person. The husband of any such *feme covert*, the guardian of any such infant, the trustee of any such *cestui que trust*, and the conservator of any such person *non compos mentis* respectively may, in behalf of that person release all damages for any land or estate taken as aforesaid, as effectually as they might respectively do, if the same were holden in their own right respectively.

SEC. 9. If said corporation shall not expend the sum of two hundred thousand dollars upon said railroad within three years from the passage of this act, or if they shall not construct said

railroad, and put the same in operation within five years from the passage of this act, then this act shall be null and void.

SEC. 10. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[136.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE NEW HAVEN AND CENTRE-VILLE HORSE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the time limited by section eleven of the charter of said company for the expenditure of fifteen thousand dollars, shall be extended for the term of one year from the rising of this general assembly.

SEC. 2. That section first of the charter of said company be so amended as to authorize the same to extend its road and lay down its tracks upon the route and routes following, viz:—from Broadway through Goffe street to Beaver street, thence through Beaver street to Dixwell avenue. Also from a point on Dixwell avenue in a direct line with Shelton street; thence northerly on said line to Shelton street, thence through Shelton street the whole length thereof; and thence to some suitable point at or near Hamden Plains Church. Also from Dixwell avenue to Canal street, by some convenient street crossing between the same; also from Shelton street, through Read street, to a point in a right line with Newhall street; and thence northerly to “Mill Rock,” so called, and thence either on the easterly or northerly slope of said rock to Whitneyville or Whitney Lake.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[140.]

INCORPORATING THE EAST HARTFORD AND GLASTENBURY HORSE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly :— SEC. 1. That Henry Kellogg, Loren P. Waldo, William Hamersley, H. K. W. Welch, L. E. Stanton, John Beaumont, J. W. Boynton, James H. Ranney, Reuben A. Chapman, Joseph Merriman, Charles Forbes, Charles Bidwell, John S. Wells, Benjamin Taylor, John H. Post, William S. Goslee, Franklin Glazier, Thomas H. L. Talcott, Thadeus Welles, George Merrick, James B. Williams, Thomas J. Vail, David L. Hubbard, with such other persons as shall associate with them for that purpose, are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the “East Hartford and Glastenbury Horse Railroad Company,” and by that name to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court in this state; to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure: And said company are hereby vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities which are or may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes and objects of this act. And said company is hereby authorized and empowered to locate, construct and finally complete a railroad or way upon the route or routes herein set forth, with single or double track; *provided*, that a single track only shall be constructed on the causeway of the Hartford Bridge Company, and such turnouts, switches and connections as may be necessary or convenient for the full use and enjoyment of the same, that is to say, from some suitable point in Main street, near the State House, in the city and town of Hartford, through State street or through Central Row and said State street to the intersection of said State street and Front street, and thence through said Front street to the intersection of said Front street and Morgan street, thence through said Morgan street and over and along the bridge and crossway of the Hartford Bridge Company to the intersection of said crossway and Main street of the town of East Hartford, in said county, thence

through said Main street to the Hartford and Fishkill Railroad depot, and thence along Burnside avenue, or by the most convenient and feasible route to the bridge across Hockanum river, in the village of Burnside. And said company is further authorized and empowered to construct a branch to said railroad from the intersection of the crossway of the Hartford Bridge Company and said Main street in East Hartford, southerly through said Main street to the boundary line between said East Hartford and the town of Glastenbury, in said county, thence along said Main street, in said town of Glastenbury, to North Glastenbury, and thence to South Glastenbury by the most feasible and convenient route to a convenient point on Roaring Brook, in the village of South Glastenbury ; and said company is hereby authorized and empowered to transport, take and carry property and persons upon said railroad or way by the power of steam, of animals, or of any other which said company may choose to apply ; *provided*, that whenever steam power shall be used, it shall only be used in connection with a locomotive engine, commonly called a dummy engine ; *and provided further*, that said dummy engines shall only be used upon said road on the east side of the Connecticut river, and not upon the crossway of the Hartford Bridge Company.

SEC. 2. [The] superior court for Hartford county, on application made to said court by either party, after such notice shall have been given of such application as said court shall see fit to prescribe, which said appraisers shall assess all the injury, loss or damage which will result, or be likely to result to said bridge company, from the taking of the causeway bridge and franchise of said company by said railway company for the purposes aforesaid, and shall report their doings, with the principles upon which their assessment is made, to said superior court ; and either party may remonstrate against the acceptance of said report for any proper cause ; and said court may, if it shall see fit, reject said report and recommit said cause for a rehearing, or appoint new appraisers, or may accept said report and render judgment and issue execution therefor ;

and either party may have the same remedies for the correction of errors which are provided by law in civil actions.

SEC. 3. The capital stock of said company shall be one hundred thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing the same to three hundred thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which shares shall be deemed personal property and shall be transferable only on the books of the corporation by the stockholder or his attorney, in such manner as the by-laws of the company shall direct.

SEC. 4. The corporators named in the first section of this act, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall open books to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said company, at such times and places as they or a majority of them may appoint; and shall give such notice thereof as they may deem reasonable, and shall receive such subscriptions under such regulations as they may adopt for that purpose, and in case the subscriptions shall exceed the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, they may reduce and apportion the same in such manner as shall be deemed just and equitable.

SEC. 5. The persons named in the first section of this act, or a quorum of them, as provided in section fourth, shall call the first meeting of the stockholders of said company, in such manner and at such times and places as they shall appoint, for the choice of directors of said company ; and in all meetings of the stockholders each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote, which vote may be cast by the stockholders in person or by lawful proxy.

SEC. 6. In case it shall happen that an election of directors shall not be made on the day appointed by the by-laws of said company, said company shall not for that reason be dissolved, but such election may be held at any subsequent meeting of the stockholders, especially called and warned for that purpose by the directors last elected.

SEC. 7. The government and direction of said company shall be vested in a board of not less than five directors, who shall be stockholders, and shall be annually chosen by the stockholders, and shall hold their offices for the period of one

year and till others are chosen in their stead ; and said directors shall elect one of their number president, who shall also be president of the corporation, and shall also elect a secretary or clerk, who shall also be secretary or clerk of the corporation, and shall elect a treasurer and such other officers as they shall find necessary or convenient for the transaction of their business.

SEC. 8. All meetings of the corporation shall be called when notified in such manner as shall be provided in the by-laws of the company ; and a majority of stockholders present at any legal meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 9. The directors for the time being shall have power to fill any vacancy which may occur in their number by death, resignation or otherwise, for the current year.

SEC. 10. Said corporation may establish and collect a toll upon all passengers and property transported by them over said road, at such reasonable rates as may be determined from time to time by the directors ; and said directors shall have power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules and regulations in relation to the stock, property and business of said corporation as may from time to time be found necessary.

SEC. 11. The directors may require payment of the subscriptions of the capital of said corporation, at such times and in such installments as they shall think proper, and with such notice as they shall see fit to prescribe ; and in case any stockholder shall neglect or refuse payment of any such installment for the space of thirty days after the same shall have become payable, and after he shall have been notified thereof, the stock of such delinquent may be sold at public auction, giving at least twenty days' notice thereof, in some newspaper published in said city of Hartford, and if the proceeds of such sale shall be insufficient for the payment of such installment, with interest, and charges of sale, such delinquent stockholder shall be liable to the corporation for such deficiency, and if the proceeds of each sale shall be more than sufficient for the pur-

poses aforesaid, said stockholders shall be entitled to such surplus.

SEC. 12. The common council of the city of Hartford may, from time to time, establish such regulations in regard to said road as may be required for the paving and the laying of gas and water pipes in and along said streets; and said company in constructing said road shall conform to the grades now existing or hereafter established by said common council, of the several streets and avenues traversed by said road. Said company shall keep that portion of the streets, highways and avenues over which their road or way shall be laid down, with a space of two feet each side of said track or way, in good and sufficient repair, without expense to the city of Hartford or towns of East Hartford and Glastenbury, or the owners of land adjoining said track or way. Said company shall also make good all damage to any highway or highways in any of the towns over which said road or way shall pass, caused by the construction of such road or way; and all such highways shall be restored to and left, on completion of said railroad, in as good condition as they were before the same was located thereon. And whenever the common council shall cause any of the streets in said city, through which said track or way is laid, to be paved or macadamized, said company shall pave or macadamize that portion of the same, which by the provisions of this act they are to keep in repair, at their own expense; *provided*, that kind of paving or macadamizing shall not be such as to repair [impair] the efficiency of said track for railroad purposes.

SEC. 13. When the lands of any *feme covert*, infant, or any *non compos mentis*, shall be necessary for the construction of said road, said lands may be taken on giving notice to the husband of such *feme covert*, the guardian of such infant, and the conservator of such *non compos mentis*, and they may respectively release all damages for any lands taken as aforesaid, as fully as they might do if the same were holden in their own right.

SEC. 14. Said company may make any lawful contract with

any other railroad company or individuals ; and may purchase and hold such personal and real estate as may be necessary to fully carry out the objects of this act.

SEC. 15. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to interfere with the rights of said bridge to make such dispositions and changes in their causeway and bridges as may best promote the convenience and safety of the traveling public, or as are necessary to secure the reparation and preservation of said causeway. Nor shall said bridge company be obliged in any such cases to restore or reconstruct said railway track. Nor shall this grant be held or construed to authorize said railway company to lay any rails or construct any track, or do any act whatever upon or over the draw now by law established in said bridge, which shall in any manner obstruct or interfere with the free and uninterrupted use and action of said draw.

SEC. 16. Said company in constructing their road over said causeway shall conform to the grade thereof as now established, or as it may hereafter be established, and the same shall be located upon a line to be designated by the bridge company ; but in case said railroad company shall be aggrieved by the line so designated, they may apply to the railroad commissioners, who shall thereupon have power to fix and establish the location of said road.

SEC. 17. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[151.]

AUTHORIZING INCREASE OF THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE NEW YORK
AND NEW HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the New York and New Haven Railroad Company be, and the same is hereby author-

ized and empowered to increase its present capital stock by issuing ten thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, in addition thereto; the same to be issued at such time or times, and in such form and manner as the directors of the said company shall deem proper; *provided*, that this resolution shall not become operative until it has been approved by the stock-holders of said company, at a meeting duly warned and held for that purpose; and when so approved the same shall be and remain in full force and to all intents and purposes a part of the charter of said company; *provided*, that said increased stock shall be issued only to the same extent as the indebtedness of said company is reduced.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[56.]

INCORPORATING THE UNION SAVINGS BANK OF DANBURY.

Resolved by this Assembly :—SEC. 1. That Charles Hull, William S. Peck, Henry Crofut, John Shethar, Martin H. Grifling, James S. Taylor, Samuel C. Holly, George C. White, Almon Judd, Norman Hodge, Lucius H. Boughton, Orrin Benedict, Elijah Sturdevant, Alfred A. Heath, William H. Clark, Francis H. Austin, Amos N. Stebbins, William F. Taylor, James Baldwin, Levi Osborne, and their successors, be, and they are hereby incorporated by the name and style of the Union Savings Bank of Danbury; and that they, and such others as shall be duly elected members of the said corporation, as is in this act provided, shall be and remain a body politic and corporate, by the same name, style and title forever.

SEC. 2. The said corporation hereby are and forever shall be vested with the power of making by-laws for the more orderly managing of the business of the corporation; *provided*, the same are not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state and of the United States; they may also have a common

seal, which may be changed and renewed at pleasure; that all deeds, conveyances and grants, covenants and agreements, made by their treasurer, or any other person by their authority and direction, according to the by-laws of this institution, shall be good and valid, and the said corporation shall at all times have power to sue and may be sued, may defend and shall be held to answer by the name and style aforesaid.

SEC. 3. The said corporation shall be capable of receiving from any person or persons any deposit or deposits of money, not to exceed the sum of four hundred dollars, from any individual in any one year, and to use and improve the same for the purposes and according to the discretion herein provided.

SEC. 4. All deposits of money received by said corporation shall be used and improved to the best advantage, by loaning the same by order or consent of a majority of the trustees, in any manner not inconsistent with the laws of this state and of the United States, and the income or profits thereof shall be divided and applied among the persons making the deposits, their executors or administrators, in just proportions, with such reasonable deductions as may be chargeable thereon; and the principal of such deposits may be withdrawn by the owner or owners thereof, or by any other person or persons duly authorized for that purpose, on giving notice of such intentions in writing, and lodging the same with either the secretary or treasurer of said corporation, at least four months previous to withdrawing such deposit or deposits.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall, at their annual meeting in July, have power to elect by ballot any other person or persons to be members of said corporation, and shall so elect whenever the members thereof shall be reduced below fourteen. *Provided however,* that no person so elected shall become a member until he shall assent thereto, by a written declaration by him subscribed on the books of said savings bank; and any member may withdraw from said corporation with the assent of a majority of the members, by subscribing a declaration to that effect on the books of the corporation.

SEC. 6. A meeting of the members of said corporation shall hereafter be held annually at Danbury, in this state, sometime in the month of July, and at such other times as they may judge expedient; and any seven members of said corporation, the president, vice-president, treasurer or secretary being one, shall be a quorum; and said corporation, at their annual meeting, shall have power to elect and choose a president, vice-president, trustees, and all other such officers as to them shall appear necessary, which officers so chosen shall continue in office one year, and until others are chosen in their place.

SEC. 7. No member of said corporation shall be a hirer or borrower, or surety for any hirer or borrower, of the funds of said corporation, or any part thereof, and no president, vice-president, or trustees of said corporation shall be entitled to or receive any compensation for his services.

SEC. 8. James S. Taylor is hereby authorized to call in the month of July, A. D. 1866, the first meeting of said corporation, by causing a written or printed notice of the same to be left with or at the usual place of abode of each member of said corporation, stating the time and place of said meeting, at least three days before the holding of said meeting, and said meeting shall be held at some place in said Danbury.

SEC. 9. That this act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly, and shall be subject to the provisions of the public acts of this state relating to savings banks.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[75.]

INCORPORATING THE NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK.

Upon the petition of Charles Atwater and others, praying for an act of incorporation:

Resolved by this Assembly :—SEC. 1. That Charles Atwater, Hoadley B. Ives, William W. Stone, Bernard Reilly, James F. Babcock, John H. Benham, William Downes, N. D. Sperry, William E. Goodyear, Abner L. Train, David J. Peck, Patrick Ward, F. W. J. Sizer, Wilson H. Clark, Edward Downes, George A. Basserman, Maier Zunder, Edward Malley, and Sidney M. Stone, and their successors, be, and they are hereby incorporated by the name and style of the National Savings Bank, and that they and such others as shall be duly elected members of said corporation as in this act provided, shall be and remain a body politic and corporate, by the same name, style, and title forever. Said corporation shall be located in the city of New Haven.

SEC. 2. That said corporation hereby are and forever shall be vested with the power of making by-laws for the more orderly and convenient management of the business of the corporation; *provided*, that nothing in said by-laws shall conflict with the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States. They may also have a common seal, which may be changed and renewed at pleasure. All deeds, conveyances and grants, covenants and agreements made by their treasurer, or any other person, by their authority and direction, according to the by-laws of this institution, shall be good and valid, and said corporation shall at all times have power to sue and be sued, may defend and shall be held to answer by the name and style aforesaid.

SEC. 3. The said corporation shall be capable of receiving from any person or persons, company or corporation, disposed to obtain and enjoy the advantages of said incorporation, any deposit or deposits of money, not to exceed the sum of four

hundred dollars from any individual, company or corporation, in any one year; and to use and improve the same for the purpose and according to the discretion hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. All deposits of money received by said corporation shall be used and improved to the best advantage, by loaning not less than one-half of the amount of deposits actually received, on mortgage of unencumbered real estate, situated within the limits of this state, the estimated value to be double the amount of the loan secured thereon in each case; and the remaining deposits received by said corporation, and not so loaned as aforesaid, may be invested in the purchase of such real estate as the wants or convenience of said corporation may require, for a banking house, in addition to such as may be conveyed to said corporation for security, or in payment of debts, or so far as shall be authorized by the laws of this state, in the purchase of the stock of any of the banks of this state, or any public stock or bonds of the United States, or of any state of the United States, or of any of the incorporated cities of this state, or loaned on undoubted personal security, in any manner not inconsistent with the laws of this state and of the United States; *provided*, that said stock or bonds may be sold from time to time to such an amount as will meet the demand for deposits, or promote the interests of said corporation; and the income or profits of said corporation shall be divided and applied among the persons making the deposits, their executors and administrators, in just proportion, with such reasonable deduction as may be chargeable thereon; and the principal of such deposits may be withdrawn by the owner or owners thereof, or by any other person or persons duly authorized for that purpose, on giving notice of such intentions in writing, and lodging the same with the treasurer of said corporation, at least three months previous to withdrawing such deposit or deposits. No loans or purchases shall be made as aforesaid, except by the direction or consent of a majority of the trustees of said corporation, present at a regular or special meeting.

SEC. 5. Said corporation shall, at their annual meeting, have power to elect by ballot any other person or persons to

be members of said corporation, and shall so elect whenever the members of said corporation shall be reduced to nine; *provided however*, that no person so elected shall become a member of said corporation until he shall assent thereto, by a written declaration by him subscribed on the books of said savings bank.

SEC. 6. A meeting of the members of said corporation shall hereafter be held annually at New Haven, some time in the month of July, and at such other times as they may judge expedient, and any five members of said corporation, the president, vice-president, treasurer or secretary being one, shall be a quorum; and said corporation, at their annual meeting, shall have power to elect and choose a president, vice-president, treasurer, trustees, and all such other officers as to them shall appear necessary; which officers, so chosen, shall continue in office one year, and until others are chosen in their places. And all officers so chosen shall be under oath to the faithful performance of the duties of their offices respectively.

SEC. 7. No officer of said corporation shall be a hirer or borrower, or surety for any hirer or borrower, of any portion of the funds of said corporation; and no president, vice-president or trustee of said corporation shall be entitled to or receive compensation for his services.

SEC. 8. Hoadley B. Ives is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, by causing a written or printed notice of the same to be left with or at the usual place of abode of each member of said corporation, stating the time and place of said meeting, at least one week before the holding of said meeting, and said meeting shall be held at some place in the city of New Haven.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the president and trustees of said corporation to make an annual report to the general assembly, containing an account of the amount of deposits and of the dividends declared and made by said corporation for the preceding year.

SEC. 10. Said corporation shall be subject to the provisions of all the public acts relating to savings banks.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect from and after the day of its passage.

SEC. 12. This resolution may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[10.]

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF SCHOOL MONEY TO THE SECOND SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WINDHAM.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the comptroller be, and he hereby is directed to draw an order on the treasurer in favor of the committee of the second school district of Windham for the sum of four hundred and fifty-seven dollars and sixty cents, the same as if the school in said district had been taught six months during the year ending September first, A. D. 1865, to be paid from the interest of the school fund.

Approved, May 23d, 1866.

[14.]

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF SCHOOL MONEY TO THE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN FARMINGTON.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the comptroller be authorized to draw his order on the treasurer of this state for the sum of fifty-two dollars and eighty cents, in favor of the south school district in Farmington, being the amount of a dividend on forty-eight children between the ages of four and sixteen, belonging to said district, being the March dividend for 1866, payable from the school fund.

Approved, May 23d, 1866.

[109.]

VALIDATING TAX OF THE SEVENTH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN BERLIN.

Whereas, School District No. 7, in the town of Berlin, did, on the eighteenth day of July, A. D. 1860, lay a tax of seventeen per cent. on list of 1859, to defray the expenses of building a school house in said district, and did cause the real estate lying in said district to be assessed by the assessors of the towns of Berlin, Wethersfield, and Rocky Hill, in each of which towns said district is partly situated, which assessment lists were deposited in the town clerk's office in said towns according to law, and were afterwards taken away to be perfected by the assessors and selectmen of said towns, and were so completed, but not returned to the town clerk's offices from whence they were taken as required by the statute. *And whereas*, a rate bill has been duly made out under the hand of the committee of said district and a large proportion of the tax has been paid; therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly, That said tax shall not be invalidated by reason of any informality in said lists, but shall be legal and collectable as if said lists had been fully completed and deposited in the town clerk's offices according to law.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[69.]

DISCHARGING PATRICK LARKIN FROM THE STATE PRISON.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Patrick Larkin, now a convict in the Connecticut State Prison, be released therefrom on the first day of July, A. D. 1866.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[78.]

DISCHARGING WILLIAM HOPKINS FROM THE STATE PRISON.

Resolved by this Assembly, That William Hopkins, now a convict in the Connecticut State Prison, be released therefrom on the first day of July, A. D. 1866.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[79.]

DISCHARGING PATRICK DORSEY FROM THE STATE PRISON.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Patrick Dorsey, now a convict in the Connecticut State Prison, be released therefrom forthwith.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[147.]

DISCHARGING WILLIAM H. CALHOUN FROM THE STATE PRISON.

Resolved by this Assembly, That William H. Calhoun, now a convict in the Connecticut State Prison, be, and he hereby is discharged from confinement in said prison, said discharge to take effect on the first day of July, 1866.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[153.]

DISCHARGING JOHN LYNCH FROM THE STATE PRISON.

Resolved by this Assembly, That John Lynch, now a convict in the Connecticut State Prison, be, and he hereby is discharged from confinement in said prison.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[154.]

DISCHARGING CHARLES GREEN FROM THE STATE PRISON.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Charles Green, now a convict in the State Prison, be, and he hereby is discharged from confinement in said prison, said discharge to take effect on the first day of July, 1866.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[127.]

IMPOSING A STATE TAX.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a state tax be, and hereby is imposed upon the several towns of this state, equal to three and one half mills on the dollar, on the grand levy of the said several towns respectively, last made and corrected by the board of equalization, and that the said tax be required to be paid according to law, on or before the twentieth day of February next; but the several towns are hereby authorized to raise the tax hereby imposed in such manner as they may direct.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[31.]

EMPOWERING THE TOWN OF NEW CANAAN TO TAKE STOCK IN THE
NEW CANAAN RAILROAD COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the town of New Canaan be, and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to take and subscribe for such an amount of the capital stock of the New Canaan Railroad Company, not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars in the whole, as said town shall, in any town meeting duly warned and held for that purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of the legal voters present at such meeting, vote to take and subscribe for.

SEC. 2. That said town be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money, upon the credit of the town, by means of its notes or otherwise, or to lay a tax, to raise means to pay for such amount of the stock of said railroad company as it shall under and by virtue of the authority when granted, vote to take and subscribe for. And said town is further hereby empowered by its selectmen or otherwise to vote upon said stock so to be subscribed for, as aforesaid, at all the stockholders' meetings of said railroad company.

Approved, May 30th, 1866.

[42.]

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GREENWICH TO CONSTRUCT A PUBLIC
DOCK AT ROCKY NECK.

Upon the petition of James H. Brush and fifty-six other legal voters of the town of Greenwich, praying that said town may be authorized and empowered to locate and construct suitable docks, as per petition on file appears:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the town of Greenwich be,

and hereby is authorized and empowered to locate and construct for the accommodation of the public, suitable docks at Rocky Neck, in said Greenwich, at or near the terminus of Greenwich Avenue, and to pay for and keep the same in repair out of any funds in the treasury of said town at the time they may be needed.

Approved, June 6th, 1866.

[51.]

SETTING OFF A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD TO THE TOWN
OF TORRINGTON.

Resolved by this Assembly :— SEC. 1. That all that part of the town of Litchfield which lies north and east of a line commencing in the middle of the Naugatuck river, opposite a heap of stones on the west bank of said river, about fifty rods south of the present dwelling house of Frederick L. Taylor, and in range with the line between the farms of said Taylor and Elisha Turner, thence running west twenty-five degrees north, one hundred and seventy chains and forty links (surface measure) to a large heap of stones on the west line of Chester Brookes' land, northwesterly from the present dwelling house of George Gilbert, thence north eleven degrees west, fifty-two chains and ninety links to a heap of stones marked "T," in the line between Litchfield and Torrington, (this place being seven chains and sixty-five links west of a town monument on a flat rock marked "T. L.") with all the inhabitants residing thereon, be, and hereby is annexed to the town of Torrington, and made part thereof, with all the rights, duties, privileges and immunities appertaining to said town of Torrington; and shall henceforth be a part of the probate district of Torrington; *provided*, that all business already commenced in the probate district of Litchfield shall be completed therein.

SEC. 2. Said town of Torrington shall pay to the town of

Litchfield the sum of seven hundred and seventy-five dollars, with interest from the first day of June, 1866, in lieu of the just proportion of said Torrington of all debts and claims which exist against said town of Litchfield, or for which said town of Litchfield shall hereafter be rendered liable by virtue of any contract, claim or cause of action now existing; and said town of Torrington shall take and maintain one twentieth part of the poor persons now maintained by said town of Litchfield.

SEC. 3. Said town of Torrington shall be liable to maintain all such persons residing out of said town of Litchfield as are now chargeable thereto, or may hereafter become chargeable thereto; *provided*, such persons, at the time of their departure from said town, had a legal settlement therein, and resided in that part of said town hereby set off to said Torrington, and shall not subsequent to such departure have gained a settlement elsewhere.

SEC. 4. All the rights and property of whatsoever nature and description, now owned by, due or belonging to the town of Litchfield, or which may hereafter accrue to said town, by virtue of any claim, right or title now existing, shall continue to belong to said Litchfield.

SEC. 5. The town deposit fund, with the interest accrued thereon, heretofore held by said town of Litchfield, shall belong to and be divided between said towns of Litchfield and Torrington, in the following proportions, to wit: seventeen-eighteenth parts thereof to said town of Litchfield, and one-eighteenth part thereof to said town of Torrington.

SEC. 6. The number of paupers now belonging to said town of Litchfield shall be ascertained and determined by the selectmen, or a majority of them, of said respective towns, and if they fail to agree in the division of said paupers on or before the first day of August, 1866, the selectmen of either town may apply to Hon. Abijah Catlin of Harwinton, who is hereby authorized and empowered to divide said paupers, in the proportion aforesaid, which division, whether made by said selectmen or a majority of them, or by said Catlin, shall be

final and conclusive. And in case said division shall be made by said last mentioned person, the selectmen of both towns shall be first duly notified of the time and place, when and where said division shall be made, and one-twentieth of the expense shall be paid by the town of Torrington and the remainder by the town of Litchfield.

SEC. 7. The collectors of all taxes in the former town of Litchfield are hereby authorized to collect the taxes already laid, and in their rate books contained, and pay the same over for the sole benefit of said town of Litchfield, as by this resolution constituted.

SEC. 8. *Whereas*, in adjusting the sum to be paid by said town of Torrington to said town of Litchfield, as stated in the second section of this resolution, the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars has been estimated as the cost of constructing the alterations of the highway on Chestnut Hill, so called, and easterly thereof; now, therefore, it is hereby provided that if said highway shall be discontinued and not constructed, said town of Litchfield shall return to said town of Torrington one-twentieth part of said sum, and a like proportion of the land damages assessed against said Litchfield for said highway, which said town does not actually pay.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[54.]

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORWALK TO CONSTRUCT A BRIDGE
ACROSS NORWALK RIVER, AND TO ESTABLISH A TOLL-GATE
THEREON.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the town of Norwalk be, and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to construct and maintain a bridge for foot passengers, horses, cattle, carriages and teams, across the Norwalk river, from a suitable place on the westerly side of said river, between a point one hundred yards southerly of the foot

of Washington street, in South Norwalk, and a point one thousand yards northerly of the foot of said Washington street, to a suitable place on the opposite shore, the said termini of said bridge to be located and fixed by the selectmen of said town, or a majority of them, and the committee heretofore appointed by said town on the fourteenth day of April, 1866, for the purpose of constructing said bridge, or a majority of said committee; *provided*, said committee shall not have authority to construct said bridge, or to expend any sum or sums of money on the same, which has been or may be voted by said town for that purpose, unless said bridge can be constructed in a workmanlike and durable manner, to the acceptance of the selectmen of the town, for a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, which amount shall include land damages, and all other expenses that the town may be called upon to pay for the construction and full completion of said bridge.

SEC. 2. And the said selectmen and committee are hereby authorized and empowered to take such lands as may be necessary for the proper location and construction of said bridge, and its termini, piers, abutments and embankments, and, if practicable, to agree with the owners of such lands upon the damages sustained by them respectively by such taking of their lands; and such lands shall not be taken for the purposes aforesaid until the said damages, or the balance of damages that shall be ascertained as hereinafter provided, shall be paid to the person or persons entitled to the same respectively, or deposited in the town treasury for his or their use.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of said selectmen and committee to ascertain whether the adjacent lands or any or all of the persons whose land may be taken as aforesaid, will be specially benefited by the construction of said bridge, and, if practicable, to agree upon the amount of such benefits, with each of such land owners, and deduct the amount of such benefits respectively from the amount of damages agreed upon with such land owners respectively, as herein before provided.

SEC. 4. If said selectmen and committee are unable to agree with said land owners upon the damages and benefits

aforesaid, said selectmen and committee may apply by petition to any judge of the superior court, qualified to judge in civil causes, for an estimate of such damages and benefits, which petition shall be in writing and served upon the respondents therein named, as provided for petitions in equity, at least six days before the day assigned therein for the hearing of such petition by said judge. And said judge shall cause a jury of six disinterested freeholders of the county of Fairfield to be empanneled and sworn, to estimate said damages and benefits, who shall render such estimate in writing to said judge, who shall thereupon cause a copy of said application and of the doings thereon and of said estimate to be lodged in the records of lands of said town of Norwalk, and the estimate of said jury shall be final and conclusive, and the amount thereof, less the benefits that may be assessed, as aforesaid, shall be paid to each of said land owners respectively, or deposited in the treasury of said town for their use. And in no case shall the amount of benefits exceed the amount of damages assessed to the same person.

SEC. 5. The said bridge shall be provided with a good and sufficient draw of sixty feet width, and suitable persons shall be provided by said town to open and shut said draw upon the approach and passage of vessels.

SEC. 6. Whenever said town shall have completed said bridge, it may erect a suitable gate thereon, and is hereby authorized to demand and receive the following tolls, viz :

For each man and horse,	2 cents.
" vehicle drawn by one horse,	3 "
" " " two horses,	5 "
" " " more than two horses,	8 "

Provided, that no tolls shall be collected on Sunday between one o'clock in the morning and twelve o'clock at night; and further provided, that no tolls shall be collected from foot passengers, or on account of the passage of horned cattle, or of vehicles drawn by oxen.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[86.]

INCORPORATING THE TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD.

Upon the petition of George R. Miller and others, praying for the incorporation of a new town, as per petition on file, which petition has been duly served and returned:

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That all that part of the town of Middletown lying within the following described limits and boundaries, viz., beginning at the south-west corner of said Middletown bounds, and running eastward on the south line of said town to the south-east corner of Taleot's farm; from thence north on the east line of said farm to the north-east corner of said farm; from thence north-westerly to a cart bridge standing on the West River; from thence to the Stoney Hill, to a place called the Stone Horse Block, or the Stepping Stone; thence running westerly in a direct line to a rock two rods and twenty-one links easterly, from the north-east corner of the dwelling house of Misses Cornelia and Sarah Ann Johnson, and in an exact line with the north side of said house; thence running northerly, two rods east of the dwelling house of Sylvester Hall, a distance of twenty-one rods; thence running westerly to a point at the north-east corner of the dwelling house of James Bell; thence westerly to the stream known as the “Roaring Brook;” thence southerly, following the line of said brook to the original north line of Middlefield Ecclesiastical Society, incorporated in 1744; thence westerly on said original line, till it intersects the Meriden line; thence along the Meriden line, southerly to the place of beginning, with all the inhabitants residing within said limits, be, and the same hereby is incorporated into a new and separate town, by the name of Middlefield, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the duties and liabilities of other towns in this state, with the right of sending one representative to the general assembly of this state; and all that part of the above mentioned town embraced in the foregoing limits, to re-

main an independent town, with the name of "Middlefield," by which name it shall hereafter be called and known.

SEC. 2. And said new town shall pay its proportion according to the list of 1865, of all state, town and other taxes now levied, and the collectors of said towns are hereby authorized to collect the same, of all debts existing against said town of Middletown, and of all charges and expenses, and of all contracts for which said town is now or shall hereafter be liable, by force of any contract or claim now existing.

SEC. 3. The poor of said town of Middletown, who were born within the limits hereby incorporated, and who have not by residence or otherwise gained a settlement elsewhere in this state than within said limits, shall be deemed inhabitants of said new town, and shall be maintained by the same. And said new town shall be liable to maintain all such poor of the town of Middletown as are and may be absent therefrom, provided such persons, at the time of their departure, had a legal settlement in that part of said Middletown hereby incorporated into said new town.

SEC. 4. All rights, property and estate, of whatever name, nature or description, except the town house and records of said town, now owned by, due, or belonging to the town of Middletown, or which may hereafter accrue to said town by virtue of any claim, right or title now existing, shall belong to said new town, in proportion to their respective lists, according to the grand list of 1865.

SEC. 5. And the town deposit fund of said town of Middle-town shall belong to, and be divided between said new town, as hereby incorporated, and said town of Middletown, in proportion to the number of the inhabitants of said Middletown, and the inhabitants of the limits of that part taken from said town. And the number of paupers belonging to said new town shall be ascertained and determined by and between the selectmen of said new town, and the selectmen of said town of Mid-town. And if the selectmen of said new town and the selectmen of said town of Middletown cannot agree after the organization of said new town, in the distribution of the paupers,

funds, deposit funds, property and other matters to be settled between said towns, on or before the first day of October, 1866, then the selectmen of said new town, and said town of Middletown, may apply to John B. Wright of Clinton, and Henry L. Platt of Essex, and William Wadsworth of Durham, and in case they do not accept and serve, then in their stead, E. S. Williams of Saybrook, William R. Clark of Saybrook, and Isaac C. Lewis of Meriden, who are hereby authorized and empowered to divide said paupers, funds, deposit funds, and property, and settle all other matters to be settled between said towns, growing out of this act of incorporation, which division, whether made by said selectmen or said referees, shall be final and conclusive on said towns respectively; and in case said division shall be made by said referees, the selectmen of said towns so disagreeing, shall first be duly notified of the time and place when and where said division shall be made, and all expenses of such service, if rendered by said referees, shall be paid by and between said town of Middletown and said new town, according to the respective lists of said towns, said lists being the lists of A. D. 1865.

SEC. 6. Said new town, as hereby incorporated, shall belong to and constitute a part of the eighteenth senatorial district, and shall also belong to and constitute a part of the probate district of Middletown.

SEC. 7. The first town meeting of said new town shall be holden in said town, in Middlefield, on the fourth Monday of July, 1866, at one o'clock in the afternoon, and George R. Miller, Esq., or, in his absence, M. W. Terrill, Esq., shall be moderator thereof, and said George R. Miller or M. W. Terrill, or either of them, shall warn said meeting, and all the inhabitants of the town of Middlefield, who are legal voters in town meeting, to meet at said time and place, by putting up a notice on the public sign post in said Middlefield, and at such other place as they, or either of them, shall deem proper, within the limits of said new town, at least five days before said meeting; and said new town shall have all powers incident to other towns in this state, at said first meeting, and full right to

act accordingly, and the officers elected at such meeting shall hold their respective offices until others are appointed and qualified in their stead. And the justices of the peace, viz., those elected by said town of Middletown, residing within the limits of said town of Middlefield, shall be deemed to be, and shall have the same power to act as fully as though they had been elected by said new town of Middlefield; and said meeting shall have power to determine the time at which the annual meetings thereof shall be holden.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

[101.]

AUHORIZING THE TOWN OF CROMWELL TO PURCHASE LAND, AND
THE SAME TO CONVEY TO THE CONNECTICUT SOLDIERS' ORPHAN
HOME.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the town of Cromwell, at a meeting legally warned for that purpose, is hereby authorized to empower the selectmen of said town to purchase land in said town, and the same to convey to the Connecticut Soldiers' Orphan Home, for the purposes of said Orphan Home; *provided*, that the amount paid for such land shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars; and the treasurer of said town is authorized to borrow, not exceeding three thousand dollars, upon the obligation of the town, for the payment of the land purchased under the authority of this act.

Approved, June 29th, 1866.

[112.]

DIVIDING THE TOWN OF CANTON INTO VOTING DISTRICTS.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the town of Canton is hereby, and shall hereafter, be divided into two districts, for the purpose of accommodating the electors of said town, in voting at the electors' meetings therein, as follows:—That portion of said town which lies southerly of a line commencing at a point near the house of Mark H. and John R. Pike, on the boundary line of New Hartford and Canton, two hundred feet north of the north line of the Albany turnpike, and thence running parallel with and two hundred feet northerly from the north line of said turnpike to a point two hundred feet west of the north road leading to Simsbury, thence running parallel with and two hundred feet west of the west line of said north Simsbury road, to a point on the boundary line between Canton and Simsbury, near the house of Levi Case, shall be and remain the first district, and the electors dwelling upon said territory shall vote at Collinsville. So much of said town as lies northerly of said first district, shall be and remain the second district, and the electors dwelling upon said territory shall vote at Canton Center.

SEC. 2. The provisions of the General Revised Statutes in regard to towns, which are or may be divided into voting districts, shall be in force and applicable to said town of Canton, and to the electors' meetings held therein.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[121.]

AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORWALK.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the selectmen of the town of Norwalk may lay out and construct sewers and drains in and upon the highways in said town, in the same manner as is provided by an Act concerning highways and bridges, Title XXXI of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

SEC. 2. The said selectmen shall have the same power, in the same manner and to the same extent, as in the preceding section provided, for the clearing out and improvement of the harbor of Norwalk.

SEC. 3. The appraisers appointed to estimate and assess the damages to any person injured by the laying out and construction or alteration of any highway in said town, or by the laying out and construction of any drain or sewer in or upon the streets or highways, in said town, or by the clearing out or improvement of the harbor of said town, shall at the same time estimate and assess the benefits that will be derived by such persons from such highway, sewer, drain, or harbor improvement, and in making return of their estimate of damages, shall deduct said benefits so estimated therefrom, and the balance, if any, of damages shall only be paid to the party in whose favor the same is assessed.

SEC. 4. At each annual town meeting of the town of Norwalk, there shall be chosen by ballot a superintendent of highways for said town, who shall possess all the powers and exercise all the functions over and in relation to all the highways of said town, which are now possessed and exercised by the surveyors of highways in their several highway districts, and shall possess all other powers by law appertaining to surveyors of highways; and the surveyors of highways in said town shall be subordinate to said superintendent, and subject to his direction and control in their several districts. The compensation of said superintendent shall be fixed by said town at any

annual meeting, and shall continue until changed by vote of said town.

SEC. 5. The right of appeal in such cases shall not be affected by this act.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[128.]

DIVIDING THE TOWN OF DERBY INTO VOTING DISTRICTS.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the town of Derby hereby is, and shall hereafter be, divided into two districts, for the purpose of accommodating the electors of said town in voting at the electors' meetings therein, as follows: Said division line shall commence on the westerly side of said town, on the boundary line of the towns of Seymour and Derby, at the center of the old road, near the house of the late Pearl Carpenter, deceased, thence running in a southerly direction to the neck road, near the house of the late Asa Bassett, deceased, thence easterly on the line of said road, passing the house of David Bassett, the old Booth house, so called, the old town bridge, to the centre of the highway to Derby Narrows, near the store of H. R. Smith, thence southerly on said highway to the centre of the road running south to the first district school-house, between the houses of Mrs. Sparks and Abijah Hawkins, thence easterly on the old road between said school-house and the house of Merritt Cark, to its junction with the north and south road near the house of Joseph Moore, thence northerly on said road to Coe lane, so called, thence easterly on said Coe lane, to the north and south road near the house of Murray L. Baldwin, thence south on said road to the boundary line of the towns of Derby and Woodbridge.

SEC. 2. So much of said town of Derby as lies southerly of the centre of said line of roads, above described, shall be

and remain the first district, and the electors dwelling upon said territory shall vote at Birmingham. So much of said town as lies northerly of the centre of said line of roads, above described, shall be and remain the second district, and the electors dwelling upon said territory shall vote at Ansonia.

SEC. 3. The provisions of the General Revised Statutes in regard to towns which are or may be divided into voting districts, shall be in force and applicable to said town of Derby, and to the electors' meetings held therein.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[129.]

DIVIDING THE TOWN OF REDDING INTO VOTING DISTRICTS.

Resolved by this Assembly :—SEC. 1. That the town of Redding hereby is, and shall be, divided into two districts, for the purpose of accommodating the electors of said town in voting at electors' meetings therein, as follows :

SEC. 2. So much of said town of Redding as is comprised in the fifth school district, and so much of school district number ten of the town of Wilton, as lies within the town of Redding, shall be and remain the second district, and the electors dwelling upon said territory shall vote at Georgetown.

SEC. 3. All of said town not comprised within the districts aforesaid shall be and remain the first district, and the electors dwelling upon said territory shall vote at Redding Centre.

SEC. 4. The provisions of the General Revised Statutes in regard to towns which are or may be divided into voting districts shall be in force, and applicable to said town of Redding and to electors' meetings held therein.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[141.]

AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NEW BRITAIN TO ISSUE BONDS.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That the town of New Britain, in the county of Hartford, be, and the said town is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds, notes, or other certificates of indebtedness, to an amount not exceeding the sum of fifty thousand dollars, bearing interest at no greater rate than seven per cent. per annum; the principal of said bonds, notes, or other certificates, to be payable at some certain time or times within twenty-five years from the issuing of the same; and the funds so raised on said bonds, notes, or other certificates shall be called “The Building and Liquidation Fund of the Town of New Britain,” and the avails thereof may be expended in the payment or discharge of any of the existing debts, contracts, and liabilities of said town; and for the purpose of erecting or aiding in the erection of a suitable building to be used as a town hall, and for other public purposes of said town, and for no other object whatever.

SEC. 2. The selectmen of said town shall, within six months after the passage of this resolution, call a special meeting of said town, and the freemen thereof in such meeting assembled may determine, subject to the foregoing limitation, the amount of the bonds, notes, or other certificates, to be issued in the aggregate, and the amount for which the same shall be severally issued, and the rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. as aforesaid to be paid thereon, and the times and places of paying said interest and said principal, and may confer upon the treasurer of said town, or some other proper person or persons, the power to prescribe the form of said bonds, notes, or other certificates, and to execute the same; and the said bonds, notes, or other certificates of debt when issued and delivered by said town, or by its agent or agents, duly appointed at said town meeting, shall be obligatory on said town, and upon the inhabitants thereof, according to the tenor and purport of the same.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[155.]

ESTABLISHING THE MILEAGE OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the mileage of the town of Middlefield, incorporated by this assembly, for New Haven, be established at forty-five miles, and for Hartford, at twenty-seven miles.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[64.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE NORWALK WATER COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the provisions of the ninth, tenth, and eleventh sections of the act incorporating the Norwalk Water Company, shall extend and apply to any springs, streams, water-courses, lands, and other real estate, in the towns of Norwalk, Wilton, and New Canaan, which said company shall find it necessary to use, take, or enter upon in pursuance of said act of incorporation.

Approved, June 20th, 1866.

[95.]

INCORPORATING THE ROCKVILLE AQUEDUCT COMPANY.

Upon the petition of S. D. W. Harris, George Talcott, George Kellogg, Jr., E. K. Rose, Clark Holt, J. C. Hammond, Jr., J. J. Robinson, L. A. Corbin, Cyrus White, A. Park Hammond, Cyrus Winchell, Royal G. Holt, George Maxwell, Lebbeus Bissell and George Kellogg, praying for a charter for "The Rockville Aqueduct Company:"

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. That S. D. W. Harris, George Talcott, George Kellogg, Jr., E. K. Rose, Clark Holt, J. C. Hammond, Jr., J. J. Robinson, L. A. Corbin, Cyrus White, A. Park Hammond, Cyrus Winchell, Royal G. Holt, George Maxwell, Lebbeus Bissell and George Kellogg, with all such persons as may from time to time be associated with them, for the purpose of supplying the village of Rockville, in the town of Vernon, with an abundant supply of pure water for public and domestic use, their successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are, incorporated for said purpose, by the name and style of "The Rockville Aqueduct Company;" and by that name shall be and are hereby made capable in law to have, purchase, receive, possess and enjoy, to them and their successors, lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels and effects, of what kind soever, to give effect to the specified purpose of said company, and for the accommodation of their business and concerns, and the same to sell, grant, demise, alien and dispose of, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, in all the courts of this state and elsewhere; to make and have a common seal, and the same to alter or renew at pleasure; also to make, ordain, establish and put in execution such by-laws, ordinances and regulations as shall be deemed necessary and convenient for the well ordering and government of said corporation, not being contrary to this act, the laws of this state or of the United States; and to do and execute all and singular the matters and things which to them

may appertain to do, subject to the rules and regulations hereinafter prescribed.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of this company shall consist of twenty thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing the same to forty thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each, and be transferable in such manner and at such places as the by-laws of said company shall direct.

SEC. 3. The persons named in the first section hereof, or a major part of them, shall open books to receive subscriptions for the capital stock of said company, at such times and places as they or a majority of them shall direct; and shall give such notice of the time and places of opening such books as they may deem reasonable; and shall receive said subscriptions under such regulations as they may adopt for the purpose.

SEC. 4. The government and direction of the affairs of said company shall be vested in a board of not less than three, nor more than five directors, who shall be chosen by the stockholders of said company, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. Said directors shall hold their offices till others are duly elected and qualified in their places; and the directors (a majority of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business) shall elect one of their number to be president of their board, who shall also be president of the said company. They shall also choose a secretary and a treasurer, which treasurer shall give bonds, with surety, to said company, in such sums as said directors may require, for the faithful discharge of his trust.

SEC. 5. The persons authorized by the third section of this act to open books for subscription to the capital stock, are hereby authorized and directed, after the books for subscription to the capital stock of said company are closed, to call the first meeting of the stockholders of said company, in such way and at such time and place as they may appoint, for the choice of directors of said company; and in all the meetings of the stockholders of said company for the choice of directors or other-

wise, each share shall entitle the holder thereof to one vote, which may be given by said stockholder in person or by lawful proxy; and the annual meeting of the stockholders of said company shall be holden at such time and place, and upon such notice, as said company in their by-laws may prescribe. And in case it shall so happen that an election of the directors shall not be made on the day appointed by the by-laws of said company, said company shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but such election may be holden on any day which shall be appointed by the directors of said company; and said directors shall have power to fill any vacancies in their own number which may occur by death, resignation or otherwise.

SEC. 6. The directors shall have full power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules and regulations as they shall deem needful and proper, touching the business, management and effects of said company, not contrary to law; also for the election and meeting of their directors, and other matters connected with their business and concerns.

SEC. 7. The directors of said company may require the payment of the sum or sums subscribed to the capital stock of said company, at such times, and in such proportions, and upon such conditions as they may deem proper, and in case any stockholders shall neglect or refuse to make payment pursuant to the requisitions of the board of directors, the stock of such stockholders, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, may be sold, under the direction of said board, at public auction or otherwise, after the lapse of sixty days from the time the payment became due; and all surplus money the avails of such sales, after deducting the payments due the company, the interest thereon, and necessary expenses of said sale, shall be paid over to such negligent stockholder.

SEC. 8. Said company shall have full power, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to open the grounds in any streets, lanes, avenues, highways and public grounds for the purpose of laying down and sinking, or for repairing such pipes or conduits as may be necessary for conducting to and distributing water within said town of Vernon, including said vil-

of Rockville shall be supplied with water from said pond as it is now supplied, but the right hereby conferred to take water from said pond is only to be exercised as a substitute for the present supply, and is never to be exercised in addition thereto.

SEC. 10. The said company shall be liable to pay all the damages that shall be sustained by any person or persons, or corporation, in their property or estate, by the taking of any land or real estate as aforesaid; or the constructing or laying any pipes, aqueducts, reservoirs or other works for the purposes of this act. And if at any time it shall appear that any damage has accrued, or may be likely to accrue, to any person or persons, corporation or corporations, by reason of the taking of their land or estate for the purpose of this act, or in the construction of the works of said company, and such persons or corporations have not agreed with said company in writing for such damages, land or estate, the said company, or person or corporation, may apply to the superior court for Tolland county, or to any judge of the superior court who may, by law, judge between the parties, causing ordinary legal notice, or such notice as any judge of said court may prescribe, to be given to the adverse party of such application. And thereupon said superior court or such judge shall appoint three disinterested and judicious persons, (any vacancies in which number, which may occur, to be filled by said court or judge,) who shall, after reasonable notice to the parties, assess just damages, if any, to the respective owners or parties interested in the premises so required and taken for the purposes of this act, which assessment shall be in writing under the hand of said persons, and shall be final, and shall be returned (with the application) to the clerk of said superior court, who shall record it; and said company shall pay to such owners or parties the damages so assessed, and when so paid may enter upon the premises, and may proceed to the construction of the said work; or in case the owner or parties aforesaid cannot then be ascertained, shall pay the same within thirty days to the treasurer of the county

of Tolland, to be by him paid to such person or persons as said court shall direct.

SEC. 11. The occupant of any house, tenement or building, who shall take the water of said company, shall be liable for the price or rent of the same. And the agents of said company entrusted with the superintendence of the works may, at all reasonable times, enter the premises so supplied to examine the pipes and fixtures, and prevent any unnecessary waste.

SEC. 12. If any person or persons shall willfully, wantonly or maliciously divert the water, or obstruct the same, or any part thereof, from or in any pipe, aqueduct, reservoir, stream or spring, or other place which shall be taken, or used or constructed by said company, or shall corrupt the same by committing any nuisance therein, or otherwise, every person or persons so offending shall be liable to said company in triple damages therefor.

SEC. 13. This act shall be subject to be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 27th, 1866.

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AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE STAMFORD WATER COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Stamford Water Company be, and the said corporation hereby is authorized and empowered to increase its capital stock to an amount not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

[145.]

AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE NEW HAVEN WATER COMPANY.

Resolved by this Assembly:—SEC. 1. The New Haven Water Company are hereby authorized to extend their water pipes into and throughout the town of East Haven, and by means thereof to supply any and all persons in said town with water, in the same manner in which said company are now authorized to lay down and extend their pipes in New Haven, and to supply with water the inhabitants of said last named town.

SEC. 2. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the general assembly.

Approved, June 30th, 1866.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, ss.
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, Sept. 17th, 1866. }

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the printed copies of the Private Acts and Resolutions in this pamphlet contained, with the engrossed bills deposited in this office, and find the same to be correct.

LEVERETT E. PEASE,
Secretary of State.

APPROPRIATIONS AND GRANTS FROM THE TREASURY.

To whom Granted.	For what Purpose.	Amount.
Butler, Egbert T.,	For expenses of the Committee on Railroads, in inspecting certain railroad routes,	\$25.63
Connecticut Homœopathic Medical Society, Connecticut Reform Medical Association,	(See page 163,)	
Dutton, Henry, Waldo, Loren P., Booth, David B., Hoadly, Charles J., Gilman, E. E.,	For services and expenses in completing the revision of the General Statutes,	2,274.65
Goodwin, William, McGregor, John,	For Expenses of Committee in visiting Fitch's Home for Soldiers' Orphans,	5.00
Nichols, Mrs. John,	Collection of Legislative Statistics,	150.00
Pardee, Stephen D., Peck, Henry C.,	For money paid out in the recruiting service under appointment, and by order of the Governor,	1,000.00
Robinson, George,	For family support, during the term of the service of her husband, late a member of the 29th Regt. C. V., deceased,	46.13
School for Imbeciles, Sedgwick, Charles F.,	(See page 164.)	
Smith, Sylvester,	For bills of Stationery, &c., for the use of the General Assembly and State Officers,	3,558.40
Smith, Wales,	In payment of the Contingent Expenses of the General Assembly,	1,380.57
Soldiers, Discharged, State Reform School, State House Keepers, Stillman and Parsons,	In behalf of,	8,000.00
Sundry Persons, Walker, A. & Co., Warner, George W.,	For services and expenses in defending against sundry petitions for release of convicts in the State Prison,	175.90
	For expenses incurred by the Committee on the subject of the Insane Poor, &c.,	100.00
	For ringing the bell during the session of the General Assembly,	45.00
	When patients, &c., (see page 160,)	
	In behalf of,	5,000.00
	In favor of, (\$100.00 each,)	
	For blanks furnished the Committees at the last Session,	18.00
	For per diem pay as State House Keepers,	594.00
	In favor of,	85.00
	(See page 154,)	

To whom Granted.	For what Purpose.	Amount.
Wood, A. F.,	For payment of Expenses of Committee on Humane Institutions in visiting the various Institutions in the State,	\$132.00
Willard, William,	For expenses of the State Prison Committee in' visiting the prison,	75.00
Willard, S. G.,	For expenses of the Committee on Education incurred in visiting the State Normal School,	26.45
<i>Senate Orders.</i>		
Clerk of the Senate,	Extra services,	200.00
Hills, Samuel D.,	For services as Messenger,	129.00
Foster, S. N. & H. W.,	For account rendered, for matting, &c.,	170.50
Law, James W.,	For services as Doorkeeper,	129.00
Page, Edward O.,	For services as Doorkeeper,	129.00
Simons, Charles H.,	For services as Messenger,	129.00
Reporters for the Press,	(\$100.00 each,)	
Robinson, George,	Making Debenture Bill,	10.00
Sperry, N. D.,	In favor of,	63.95
State Reports,	For expense of binding seventy-five volumes of,	
Sundry persons,	Contingent Expenses of Senate,	1,295.73
Winchester, Oliver F.,		
Lieutenant Governor,	For payment of officiating clergymen,	100.00
Messengers and Door-keepers,	(\$25.00 each,)	
Messengers and Door-keepers,	Extra services, (\$100.00 each,)	
<i>House Orders.</i>		
Beckwith, Elisha W.,	For expenses in maintaining a right to a seat in the House,	78.24
Clerks of the House,	Extra services, (\$200.00 each,)	
Moore, Ezra,	For expenses in defending his seat in the House,	86.59
Reporters for the Press,	(\$100.00 each,)	
Robinson, George,	Making Debenture Bill,	30.00
Speaker of the House,	Payment of officiating clergymen,	150.00
Sundry persons,	Contingent Expenses of the House,	3,728.49
Messengers and Door-keepers,	Services, \$159.00 each,	
	Extra services, \$100.00,	

APPOINTMENTS

MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.



MAY SESSION, 1866.

United States Senator.

Hon. Orris S. Ferry, for the term of six years from March 4th,
1867.

Comptroller.

Hon. Leman W. Cutler; to fill the vacancy occasioned by the
resignation of Hon. Robbins Battell, [from the date of ap-
proval, June 19th, 1866.]

Commissioner of the School Fund.

George A. Paine, of Woodstock.

Bank Commissioner.

Thomas Cowles.

General Railroad Commissioner.

Samuel Fitch, of Stafford.

State Prison Director.

John R. Beaumont.

Board of Education.

Thomas A. Thacher, of New Haven.

State Library Committee.

His Excellency the Governor, the Secretary, and Hon. Dwight
W. Pardee.

Auditors of Public Accounts.

Charles Boswell and John C. Tracy.

Auditors of Quartermaster-General's Account.

Robert Buell and Edson Fessenden.

Judge of the City Court of the City of Waterbury.

Charles W. Gillette; for one year from the first Monday in
July, A. D. 1866. (Approved, June 30th, 1866.)

County Commissioners.

Hartford County:—Theodore B. Potter, of Enfield.

New Haven County:—Richard Dibble of Branford, to fill un-
expired term of Edmund Parker,
deceased.

Charles P. Brockett, of Hamden.

New London County:—James L. Raymond.

Fairfield County:—Henry Morehouse, of Darien.

Windham County:—* Charles R. Lyon, of Canterbury.

Litchfield County:—Rufus Cleveland, of Barkhamsted, for
one year from July 4th, 1866.
J. Sanford Johnson, of Cornwall.

Middlesex County:—Samuel C. Silliman, of Chester.

Tolland County:—Asaph D. McKinney, for the term of two
years from July 4th, 1866.
Richard H. Rose.

* Declined the appointment. John M. Brown, of Brooklyn, appointed by
His Excellency the Governor to fill the vacancy, July 30th, 1866.

Board of Equalization.

(See Resolution, page 165.)

Commissioners for the Protection of Fish in Connecticut River.

(Appointed by His Excellency the Governor, under Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives.)

J. Hammond Trumbull, of Hartford.

William H. Goodspeed, of East Haddam.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SENATE, ON NOMINATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

Quartermaster-General.

Julius S. Gilman, of Hartford.

Paymaster-General.

William B. Wooster, of Derby.

Surgeon-General.

Philo G. Rockwell, of Waterbury.

State Board of Agriculture.

Ephraim H. Hyde, 2nd, of Stafford,
Howard Collins, of Canton,
Samuel W. Johnson, of New Haven,
Sylvester Gildersleeve, of Portland.

Commissioners for Improvement of the Channel of Thames River.

Henry B. Norton, Edward Chappell and John P. Barstow.

Commissioners of the Union Company.

Harry A. Grant, of Enfield,
Benjamin Douglas, of Middletown,
Jonathan B. Bunce, of Hartford.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE SENATE.

*Trustees of the State Reform School.*David P. Nichols, of Danbury,
James B. Whitecomb.*Trustees of the General Hospital for the Insane.*

His Excellency the Governor,

Hartford County,	H. Sidney Hayden,
Tolland County,	L. E. Pease,
New London County,	Benjamin W. Tompkins,
Windham County,	S. G. Willard,
Middlesex County,	William B. Casey,
New Haven County,	Richard L. Fellowes,
Fairfield County,	Curtis T. Woodruff,
Litchfield County,	Robbins Battell.

ABSTRACT OF THE COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, *ss.*
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, July 18th, 1866. }

The following extracts from the report of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, exhibited to the General Assembly at their late session, comprise such parts of said report as are by law required to be published in the several newspapers in this State, by the Secretary of State.

LEVERETT E. PEASE, *Secretary of State.*

The State of Connecticut in General Account of Receipts and Expenditures of Funds appropriated for the Current Expenses of Government.

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For payments from the Treasury from March 31st, 1865, to April 1st, 1866, for the current expenses of Government.

Debenture and contingent expenses of the General Assembly,	..	\$61,584.93
Account of Salaries,	..	28,352.89
Contingent expenses, including grants,	..	224,578.69

Amount carried forward, \$314,516.51

Amount brought forward,	\$314,516.51
Judicial expenses, including grants,	101,293.21
Expense of supporting the State paupers,	1,500.00
Expense of Superintending Common Schools,	4,236.47
Salary of the Directors of the State Prison,	300.00
Account of Public Buildings and Institutions,	50,620.00
Expenses of Families of Volunteers,	304,109.44
Advances made to the Quartermaster-General,	110,000.00
Advances made to the Paymaster-General,	170,000.00
Advances made to the Adjutant-General,	10,000.00
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	\$1,066,575.63
Interest on State Bonds,	477,363.00
Cash paid on temporary loans,	2,523,113.79
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	\$4,067,052.42
Balance in Treas'y April 1st, 1866, to new acc't,	294,544.23
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	\$4,361,596.65

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By payments into the Treasury from the 31st of March, 1865, to the 1st of April, 1866.

FROM FORFEITED BONDS, ETC.

By Cash of	
R. D. Hubbard, State's Attorney,	
Hartford County,	\$4,993.76
Amount carried forward,	\$4,993.76

Amount brought forward,	\$4,993.76
E. K. Foster, State's Attorney, New Haven County,	3,202.97
W. T. Elmer, State's Attorney, Middlesex County,	335.40
G. W. Philips, State's Attorney, Windham County,	178.77
C. F. Sedgewick, State's Attorney, Litchfield County,	52.72
Daniel Chadwick, State's Attorney, New London County,	1,214.14
S. H. Brockway, State's Attorney, Tolland County,	85.21
J. M. Carter, State's Attorney, Fairfield County,	1,540.76
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	\$11,603.73

FROM AVAILS OF COURTS.

By Cash of

Joseph Bishop, Clerk Tolland Superior Court,	30.00
W. P. Vinal, Clerk Middlesex Superior Court,	37.69
Uriel Fuller, Clerk Windham Superior Court,	8.29
W. D. Brewer, Clerk New London Superior Court,	95.01
A. D. Osborne, Clerk New Haven Superior Court,	1,074.37
Robert Coit, Clerk New London Superior Court,	131.79
H. E. Pardee, Clerk New Haven City Court,	23.50
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Amount carried forward,	\$1,400.65
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	\$11,603.73

	Amount brought forward,	\$1,400.65	\$11,603.73
E. S. Abernethy, Clerk Fairfield Superior Court,	244.36		
W. L. Ransom, Clerk Litchfield Superior Court,	177.29		
Chauncey Howard, Clerk Hartford Superior Court,	284.27		
		2,106.57	
By Cash for tax on Corporations,		57,418.08	
" " on Savings Banks,		178,941.90	
" " on Sales at Auction,		2,215.81	
" " from Towns,		1,160,021.48	
" " from Railroad Corporations, . .		170,820.22	
" " from Banks, ($\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.,) . .		3,727.83	
" " on Stocks owned by Non-Resi- dents,		17,011.14	
" " on Stocks of Insurance Compa- nies,		27,170.50	
" " on Stocks of Mutual Insurance Companies,		22,194.32	
" " from Agents of Foreign Insu- rance Companies,		5,826.99	
" " from Turnpike Companies,		74.48	
" " from the United States, on ac't,		171,495.70	
" " from the Sale of State Bonds,		2,367,200.00	
" " from accrued interest on Bonds,		74.00	
" " from Miscellaneous Sources,		4,638.36	
" " from Telegraph Companies,		1,491.88	
" " from Express Companies,		2,023.00	
" " for Premium on State Bonds,		31.00	
" " for Dividends on Bank Stocks,		15,091.50	
By Cash for Premium of sale of Bank Stocks,		16,790.00	
" " Bank Stocks sold,		119,000.00	
	Amount carried forward,	\$4,356,968.49	

Amount brought forward,	\$4,356,968.49
By Cash for Licenses for Insurance Agents,	1,200.00
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	\$4,358,168.49
Add for balance of acc't April 1st, 1865,	3,428.16
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	\$4,361,596.65.
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By balance in Treasury from old account,	\$294,544.23

**ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT,
FOR TEN YEARS, ENDING MARCH 31ST, A. D. 1866.**

General Assembly.	Salaries,	Contingent Expenses,	Judicial Expenses,	State Pay pers.	Superintendent of Common Schools,	Account of State Prison to Directors of Buildings,	Expense of Families of Volunteers,	Advances to Quartermaster-General,	Advances to Commissary and Paymaster General,	Miscellaneoua.	Total.
1857 \$43,231.03	\$23,193	\$82,147.21	\$84,142.16	\$1,800	\$4,062.24	\$300 \$18,062.70		\$4,060.00		\$16,611.97	\$277,711.07
1858 35,953.51	23,050	88,073.79	94,718.08	1,800	3,710.59	300 19,000.00		3,976.66	688.00	271,370.63	
1859 34,450.81	24,180	49,180.23	93,822.22	1,800	3,439.88	300 24,181.33		3,845.51		235,102.98	
1860 31,107.48	23,600	40,404.26	85,764.56	1,800	3,332.55	300 28,283.34		2,557.26		217,149.45	
1861 35,977.72	23,900	43,632.88	77,130.91	1,800	3,364.87	300 27,934.52		7,479.90		221,880.80	
1862 47,202.56	55,709	53,032.93	85,418.99	1,400	3,232.11	300 22,024.92	\$110,099.17	1,169,778.00	\$403,350 \$65,421.00	117,468.33	2,104,481.30
1863 50,868.82	25,000	70,236.84	71,961.43	1,400	3,239.27	300 28,004.25	582,704.97	405,000.00	1,095,000	2,000.00	656,362,336,371.94
1864 54,600.82	24,253	79,197.59	77,047.65	1,400	3,261.14	300 38,010.89	726,908.17	15,000.00	3,640,000	Interest, &c.	237,840.19 4,897,819.72
1865 54,232.23	23,681	222,105.80	84,295.63	1,500	3,433.47	300 28,360.00	639,516.73	25,350.00	3,550,000	Ajst., Gen'l.	5,064,653.00 358,653.00
1866 61,584.93	58,352	224,578.69	101,293.21	1,500	4,236.47	300 50,620.00	304,109.44	110,000.00	170,000	10,000.00	1,066,575.03

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